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Oct. 10 - Mt. of Mojave
Desert - from air -

no vegetation visible
until rough country
is reached near Cajon Pass.
Then shading of brush
on north slopes.

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ihes
l;
, cattle.

Orange groves in general
valley region - Puebla,
Pomona & L. in very
poor condition - dead
twigs on almost all trees,
some trees more dead
than alive - great
variation in condition
between groves even
side-by-side. Some show
little or no dead wood,
others almost gone.

Wendell S. says that
it is due to lack of care -
that owners think land
will be subdivided.
But I don't think that is
the answer except locally.

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green,
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cattle.

Danta Syney Mts. from air -
almost entirely chaparral
covered except for forest in
higher ravines. Erosion
scars very prominent. Dry
grass areas here and there. Pine forest
on a few northern crests.

aucous,
wers
apple
not
shy.

nos. 2 checked
1951

California

Labels typed

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Oct. 14 - 2 miles south

of Hughson

cultivated sandy soil
with marshy depression

33607 Paspalum distichum
³ forming sod in marshy
depression.

2 08 Polygonum punctatum
in edge of marshy
depression

1 09 Helianthus annuus
occasional in cultivated
irrigated ground.

1 10 Eragrostis
rare in irrigated ground.

2 11 Lotus americanus
common in irrigated
ground and on ditch banks.

2 12 Digitaria sanguinalis
common in irrigated
cultivated ground

3 13 Heliotropium
occasional in cultivated ground

Stanislaus Co.

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30 m.

culms ascending from
decumbent base; spikes
laterally compressed;
not eaten readily by cattle.
stems ascending,
slightly reddish;
flowers greenish-white.
herbs up to 0.8 m. tall,
branched, all leaves narrow;
rays bright yellow, disk
very dark ~~green~~ brown.

large very bushy
tangled herb, several
stems from base; flowers
pinkish white. useful in
stabilizing ditch banks;
cattle do not eat it green,
but will as hay.

culms ascending,
eaten reluctantly by cattle.

prostrate, very glaucous,
leaves fleshy; flowers
purple white, purple
in center; nutlets not
at all swollen & fleshy.

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Aug 1951 Johnston I.

Oct. 22 - brief visit
for refueling.

Casuarina equisetifolia
has reached at least 25' tall
in residence area.

Large plants (2-3 m) of
Calophyllum inophyllum,
Terminalia catappa, *Hibiscus*
tiliaceus, *Thespesia populnea*
around base buildings.

The *Hibiscus*, and esp. the *Terminalia*
are slightly somewhat chlorotic.
most

all sloping surfaces,
such as bomb shelter,
etc. quite covered by a
blanket of vegetation,
Boerhaavia, *Candanus*, *Eruvava*,
Tribulus etc. Flat surfaces,
mostly kept clean.

Many weeds, *Portulaca oleracea*,
Euphorbia hypericifolia, etc.
around bases of buildings.
Pluchea odorata common
but not as in 1946. *P. indica*
common. One coconut
seedling seen.

Pluchea odorata common
locally. *Euphorbia*
heterophylla seen but not
collected. Apparently
does not compete well with
Messerschmidia.

1951 Wake I.

Oct. 23 - Around Pan Am.
Airport.

Vegetation largely a
scrub of *Messerschmidia*
argentea, not more
than 2-3 m. tall. Some
open areas are pure
stands of *Fimbristylis*,
occasionally of *Ipomoea*
tuba, which also
climbs over bushes.

Weeds found around
roads and buildings,
Cenchrus most common,
forming pure patches.
Heliotropium common -
dimorphism not
evident, but little
time was spent
examining it.

Fimbristylis cymosa
seems to colonize the
most extreme habitats,
such as the edges of
the airstrips.

Some marshy depression,
perhaps artificial, along
airstrip away from
~~the~~ terminal.

One plover seen. Thickly
scattered billowy cumulus
clouds, one light shower
at 5 p.m.
No coconuts except seedlings.

Oct. 23 - around Pan-American Terminal

Disturbed ground around installations, coral gravel.

- 33614 15 *Messerschmidia argentea* (L.f.) Johns. v.
dominant plant in scrub vegetation
- 16 *Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) K.. v.
occasional in scrub vegetation
- 17 *Dactyloctenium aegyptium* (L.) Richt.
local on roadside
- 18 *Euphorbia*
common locally along roadside
- 19 *Fimbristylis cymosa* R.B.
very common on bare ground
- 20 *Portulaca oleracea* L.
occasional on bare ground
- 21 *Pluchea odorata* (L.) Cass.
locally abundant around air strips, rare near terminal
- 22 *Euphorbia*
occasional in edges of scrub
- 23 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn.
occasional around buildings
- 24 *Cenchrus echinatus* L.
common, abundant locally
- 25 ~~Hebe~~ *Heliotropium anomalum* H.A.A.

extensive vine; flowers white, closed in late afternoon.

shrub 2 m. tall; leaves ~~flower~~ fleshy; flowers white, fragrant.

rounded shrub 1 m. tall, flowers white.

dense small tufts, culms prostrate.

erect, up to 0.8 m. tall; flowers white.

dense small tufts.

prostrate, stems and leaves fleshy, bronze color.

sterile bush 1 m. tall, aromatic.

plants erect, arching at tips; flowers white.

common in bare places and openings in scrub, prostrate to erect, then 6 m. tall; flowers white with yellow tube, with honey fragrance

10 1951 Wake Island - Iwo Jima

- 33626 *Boerhaavia repens* diffusa Fast. f.
3 very common
2 27 *Lepturus repens* (Fast. f.) R. Br.
occasional
2 28 *Euphorbia hirta* L.
local on bare ground

Ost. 23 - Iwo Jima
disturbed ground
around airport installation
1 29 *Chenopodium inflata* Link.
abundant

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forming mats on bare
ground, prostrate.
dense tufts
erect, arching at tips.

erect, inflorescence
purple.

Oct. 28 Mountains between Odawara and Lake Hakone

Steep slopes covered by scrub of *Vaccinium* with plantations of *Cryptomeria* and *Thuja*. Some beech and other broad-leaved trees, ^{and pine} in canyons and on slopes. Upland gentler slopes and rolling country near lake grass-covered, largely uncultivated. Grass rather coarse, some of grassland planted irregularly to trees.

These uplands not at all thickly populated, while

steeper canyons leading up to them are very thickly beat with houses. A large *Belazinella* of a prickly sort is conspicuous on moist rocks and cliffs.

This whole mountain mass is of mixed pyroclastic material - ash, & tuff and volcanic breccia and lava flows, a part of the Fujiyama mass.

Erosion pattern is narrow vertical walled ravines and canyons. Lake Hakone is result of damming a canyon by a great landslide.

Oct. 28 Coast bet. Katakami and Chigasaki, Koza-gun, Kanagawa Pref.

Dunes of dark gray sand largely planted to a 2-needed pine. These plantations not

at all healthy-looking on flat parts, stunted and yellowish, but on dune ridges several times larger and dark green.

1951 Japan, Honshu

Nov. 3 - near Sakuragi,
Chiba Peninsula, Honshu33631 *Miscanthus*
abundant on steep road-
cuts in deep alluvial
soil.Nov. 3 - near Sakuragi,
rolling ground, intensively
cultivated with truck
crops. Surface soil
very dark brown, almost
black. Examined a
profile here, in moist
soil along roadside.Typical Andos brown rolling
soil. A horizon dark brown, fluffy
granular, silt-loam.Nov. 3 - firing range
~~about~~ about 2½ mi. n.e. of Hidemachi,
Chiba Peninsula, Honshu
slightly irregular
grassland with scattered
pines, small scattered
shrubs.

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rare, local on bare soil in

33 *Valeriana*
common in34 *Cassia*
local in35 *Ligustrum*
occasional in

Chiba Prefecture

tangled masses, lower
stems decumbent,
fruiting culms ascending.about 1 m. deep, under-
lain, sharply by a B of
yellow-brown silt-clay-
loam, heavier but
somewhat friable some-
what plastic, this 1 m.
~~about~~ or more thick. A horizon
about pH 8, abnormal for
Andos series, but possibly
due to dust from road (not too
likely); B horizon st. more acid.Andos soil, profile examined
with A horizon about 25 cm.
thick, as in Tamura profile
but slightly acid. B horizon
as in Tamura profile
at least to 42 "depth".erect, fruits maroon purple
erect; flowers yellow,
brown outside.
shrub 1 m. tall; fruit
blue

16 1951 Japan

33670 *Quercus*
common shrub in

Nov. 6 - nr. south of Kobe
along the seacoast, (seen
from train window)

Low coastal hills show
rather conspicuous
erosion.

Pittosporum tobira growing
spontaneously along cuts
and eroded places.

Miscanthus common
in waste spots at low
alts.

Rice culture general.
Rice being harvested. Fields
vary from still somewhat
green to completely ripe,
harvested, in some cases
even threshed. Dried by hanging.

Dwarf bamboo one of the
commonest weeds. (several species)

A gnarled small pine
with an almost black
trunk is locally common,
mostly on low hills.

The plains are almost
entirely in rice, except for
some truck crops.

Chiba Pref. etc.

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shrub 1 m. tall, one dry
fruit found in leaf axil
(certainly belongs to this plant).

Hills around Sode ^{north of} Himeji
brushy and with some
small forest of pine,
erosion scars and
quarry scars common.
Only lowest slopes
usually cultivated,
some indications of
terracing above but
apparently abandoned.
Small villages, with
gray-tiled roofs very
common, 3-5 in sight
at a glance from train window
in flat valley bottoms.
Transitions from hills to
flats very abrupt.

South of Himeji -

Extensive rice fields.
As mts are approached
typical landscape is
flat valley bottoms, ~~surrounded by~~
~~surrounded by~~ planted
to rice, ~~with~~ surrounded
by abrupt steep wooded
small mountains,
the wood ~~all~~ pine
in places, scrubby
deciduous in others.

Taller near bases of hills and in ravines, bambos abundant in many places near bases of hills. Villages lining the edges of the valleys against the bases of the hills, in places almost continuously. Roofs generally of gray tile but many well done straw-thatch ones, the thatch very compact and 6-12" thick! *Diospyros kaki* very common around houses.

Ridge tops and steepest slopes covered by a thin scrub ground showing through. Erosion scars less common. Some low rock cliffs.

As somewhat greater altitudes are reached (700' above) other conifers begin to appear. Flat valleys become smaller and less common.

Near Mantome - much rice, but also other crops. What appears to be either mulberry or ramic, growing appr. 1-1.5 m. tall, single finger thickness stems.

Several other things dried in same manner by hanging,

as is rice. Persimmons dried by hanging tied in strings on walls of sunny sides of houses.

South of Kurashiki

West of Kurashiki the landscape changes somewhat. The hills are more gently sloping and cultivated in places to the tops, though there are patches of woods, mainly pine. Flats rice-covered. Higher hills more inland steep and wooded. A red-trunked pine is more common here than the gray-trunked one.

Citrus first noticed west of Furuyama a few miles. Sugar cane common in garden-size patches here, too. *Citrus* on slopes.

Terracing in Onomichi area done in fashion that merely reduces slope, does not eliminate it. Walls with gentler slopes above them.

Near Yoshima,
Robinia pseudoacacia common
 on n. cuts.

Potatoes commonly cult.
 east of here much rice
 is cultivated apparently
 without irrigation or with
 very little, on small terrace.
 Palms (*Trachycarpus*?)
 occasional ~~common~~ all along this
 coast.

Forests on slopes mainly
 pine but with some
 deciduous trees, these
 just beginning to change
 color.

Eriobotrya very common.
 Terracing intensive from
 here toward Hiroshima.
 Many terraces irrigated
 by a small ditch on the
 upper side, at foot of wall
 of next terrace. Terraces
 mostly somewhat sloping.

Up the bay from Kure the
 hills become steep and
 rocky. The sides are mostly
 cliffs. But even here,
 in residual patches of
 soil are tiny terraces
 devoted to gardens. The
 soil is fine and very light
 colored. Even on the lower

slopes this ~~soil~~ is so
 shallow that the
 terraces cannot be
 more than a foot or
 two wide.

West of Hiroshima
 bamboo is abundant,
 but much of it seems
 to be in a dying condition.
 Pine dominates the landscape
 with bamboo an important
 minor feature.

Somewhat south of
 Hiroshima, near Inouwa,
 I thought I saw a slope
 covered by *Gleichenia*
linearis (var. off.) but
 could not be certain.

South of Inouwa
 the bamboo also seems
 yellow and dry. But
 could it be merely
 deciduous?

22 1951 Japan Kyushu

Nov. 8 - Fukuoka

- 33637 *Rhus*
2 in fence row under pines
on university campus
3 38 *Holodiscus japonicus* Kitamura
under pines on university campus
3 39 *Litsea sieboldii*
on wooded sea-cliffs
2 40 *Cryptobaileopsis glauca*
in park
3 41 *Capratia japonica*
in small thicket under
pine on university campus

Pines are the dominant tree
in Fukuoka, everywhere
where there is not solidly
built city. Mainly "red pine"
Pinus thunbergii. ("Black pine")
is *P. densipolia*. (Bark of red
pine may be black or red.)

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shrub 1 m. tall, leaves
turning orange-red.
erect, flowers yellow.
tree 8 m. tall, flowers
dull yellow.
small tree 6 m. tall.
vine climbing onto
small trees.

Nov. 9 - R.R. trip bet. Osaka and Toyosu - train window observations.

Mts. bet. Hikone and Ogaki - steep rugged mountains with flat valleys between.

Country around Lake Biwa looks like old bed of lake now filled in or slightly elevated.

Flat land devoted to rice culture. Harvesting now in full swing. These valleys thickly populated.

Mountains steep and abrupt in the southwestern part of this stretch, slopes becoming more gentle and relief softened northward.

Southward these hills are pine-clad. South of the middle *Cryptomeria* and ~~*Chamaecyparis obtusa*~~ *Chamaecyparis obtusifolia* appear and soon dominate the scene.

Cleared areas have a deciduous scrub that is changing color but this is planted with conifers which soon overtop the broad-leaved trees and shrubs.

Plains around Ogaki vast, flat and rice-covered. E. of Ogaki in plain are occasional ponds, some of them red with azolla.

Broad sandy river-beds, confined by dykes, have pioneer vegetation, occasional garden plots, scattered in them.

Ficus carica common around dwellings.

Along the coast east of Nagoya are low hills of ~~alluvium~~ fine alluvium and some dunes.

These are mostly planted to pines, but some slopes have a dense scrub.

North of Hamamatsu the parts of these hills that cannot be terraced are covered by tea plantations. These are in small patches and the plants are mostly in low, dense, rounded box-like hedges - or low round ~~bushes~~ shoe-button-like ~~the~~ single plants - seemingly kept picked back too low for comfort in harvesting.

1951 Japan

The river-beds here
are very broad
with braided patterns,
mostly gravel flats.

Nov. 16-24 - Boat trip on direct course from Tokyo to Taongi
No living thing seen in the whole trip except a few flying fish after the fifth day.

Nov. 25 Taongi Atoll

Inspected western islets through binoculars from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or more, approached reef near boat passage at high tide to within 50 yards.

South Islet - no vegetation visible. Islet quite rocky, mostly rock rather than sand, large at the north end of the reef a row of large rocks visible from well south of center of west side, through glasses.

Pohaaehu Islet almost completely covered by *Messerschmidia* on lagoon side.

southerly to southeasterly winds almost the entire trip. Sun only after third day.

Unidentified Frigate birds - have white on top of head, whitish wings bars (on top)
common, at least 25 seen at one time.
Several fairy terns *Gygis alba*, and a pair of sooty terns, *Sterna fuscata* flew around ~~boat~~ ship.
One dusky shearwater (?) Puffined' *herminieri*.
skimming waves.
Large flock of boobies *Sula* sp. a spp. fishing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile offshore.
One albatross, prob. black-footed (*Diomedea nigripes*) flew by ship during morning.

Nov. 25 - in late afternoon followed south and east coast up to north end of Kamome islet.

South islet absolutely devoid of vegetation, but with large boulders, some light gray, others darker, two largest black, scattered abundantly. Impossible to tell if in place or thrown up by waves.

Pokkaaku I. vegetation rather sparse but large *Messerschmidia* rather covering islet, apparently some seaweeds, but no small bushes.

Entire south and east coast ^{all islets} characterized by a high seaward ridge a boulder rampart, and by almost continuous beach-rock or raised reef-rock, appearing about 1 m high, variously worn away, cut into boulders here and there, and into mushroom shaped rocks on reef flat at bottom of beach.

Passes bet. two islets west of ~~Kamome~~ Libylla and Libylla itself are filled till I don't think water would ever go over except in storms.

These, Libylla and next in north, are well vegetated by a loose cover of *Messerschmidia* and *Scaevola*, usually extending well down on outer side of seaward ridge, but in places this bare to top. A few large boulders or exposure of beach rock on top.

Large logs (Douglas fir?) here and there on beach.

Birds occasional or common in trees and coming in from S.W. or N. usually flying fast and close to waves (boobies and sooty terns). One white booby with white tail seen, others unident.

Kamome islet veg. seems in poor cond. (light not good) islet is the bird rookery of the lot. - Millions of birds over it like a swarm of bees.

Nov. 26 - Approaching islet - met by 6 frigate birds with white heads (incl. top) and dark breasts, white belly and flanks, whitish band on upper wing coverts.

~~Sula~~ Sula sula definitely ident.

All three larger islets, viewed from east, largely covered by Pisonia forest, one coconut seen on middle islet, small grove on inner peninsula of Bikar I., on this a belt of Messer-schmidia outside Pisonia, a few heasda at top of beach.



Many birds over all three islets.



Gygis very common.

Fregatta here have white heads, rusty neck, esp. throat, black breast, a white patch on belly & flanks of varying size, sometimes

with white extension up into armpits, also prolonged backward almost to anal region. White bars on wing covert areas. Bill white.

Nov. 28 - Utirik I. - s. w. corner
of island.

- 33644 *Boerhaavia diffusa* v. *tetrandra*
sparse coconut grove with
clumps of ~~scaevola~~ ^{several} ~~several~~

- 6 42 *Fimbristylis cymosa* R.Br.
common ground cover
in sparse coconut grove

- 5 43 *Messerschmidia argentea* (L.)^v Johnst.
component of vegetation
on recent sand banks

Sky largely overcast, scattered showers,
barometer reading 30.40 p.m.

Dry 27° C Wet 26.5° C
11:20 a.m. " 26° C " 26° C

Vial #1 - spiders or weels
spun between clumps of
bushes - orb weavers.

Vial #2 - misc. insects
caught beating *Scaevola*

- 33645 *Scaevola*

- 5 on sea anemone colonies just
at low tide level on lagoon beach

- 5 46 *Caulerpa racemosa* (Forssk.) T.Ag. (det.
under and between broken
dead coral rocks on rubble
bar in lagoon at low tide mark

- (Frost) Hein. prostrate to ascending,
longer stems prostrate,
flowers pinkish. Leaves
stiff, brittle.
clumps, culms
ascending
"dralij man" or "berelij man"
shrub 2 m. tall; leaves
fleshy, silvery green;
flowers white, fragrant.

brisk tradewind.

About 50 yards out from
high tide mark on the
lagoon beach is a bar
of rubble, cobble size and
smaller, some boulders,
evidently stripped from
the narrow land strip
by a storm and swept
into lagoon - very little
life except tiny sponges, a
few algae, a few echinoderms,
and many small crabs.

- Taylor 1955) pale green, rhizome terete,
peltate processes tending
to be hemispherical.

Nov. 29 - Utirik Islet.

Open coconut groves with grass or *Tacca* ground cover. Many coconut and *Pandanus* trees knocked down by typhoon (said to have occurred March 1951).

Vial #3 bottom layer - spotter beetles in fungi (#33655) on dead *Pandanus* trunks, others and spider on same trunks.

Vial #4 bottom layer and any very tiny ~~etc.~~ animals, ant ants - in axils of dead lower leaves and green leaves just above them on *Pandanus tectorius*.

Vial #5 - bottom layer - fly larvae in wet decayed spot under ~~etc.~~ fungus (#33647) on fallen coconut trunk. Other animals - isopods, snails, under mat of ~~etc.~~ *Thuarea* at base of standing coconut tree.

several fungi are conspicuous on the dead and even the living fallen trees.

Vial #3 top layer (Nov. 30)

Misc. on ground - isopod, black ant running around (bites rather viciously). *Holophris* (?) attracted to food can. Big yellow ant living in thick vegetation in bottom of abandoned taro pit.

Vial #4 top layer (Nov. 30)

Coccinellids and long horned grasshopper, on *Messerschmidia* and *Scaevola* in scrub on outer part of island.

- 33647 *fungus*
on fallen coconut trunk
2 48 *fungus*
on fallen coconut trunk
3 49 *fungus*
on standing coconut tree, upper
side of ~~broken~~ leaning trunk
3 50 *lichen*
on coconut trunks, very
common.
5 51 *lichen*
on trunk of breadfruit tree
5 52 *moss*
on trunk of coconut tree, rather
fairly common.
5 53 *Eragrostis amabilis* (L.) W. d. A.
common around trails and
dwellings
5 54 *fungus*
on dead fallen Pandanus trunk
and branches
5 55 *fungus*
on dead fallen Pandanus
trunk and branches
2 56 *Gossypium*
single plant planted
in village, 30 yds from lagoon
2 57 *Mirabilis jalapa* L.
single plant growing in
cemetery
2 58 *Asclepias curassavica* L.
several plants in cemetery
and around houses.

dark dull green when
~~wet~~ moist.

dark dull green when moist
(looks like Kostia, but with apothecia)
bright green, sterile.

loose small tufts
"ujoij" (name for grass)

brilliant vermillion;
flat.

variable but seemingly
one species.

many-stemmed plant
2 m. tall, heavily fruiting;
leaves very chlorotic.
bushy many-stemmed herb,
flowers white, closed when
collected, just after noon.
not chlorotic.

erect herb; crown orange,
corolla red. not especially
chlorotic. "yelo"

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- 33659 *Ocimum sanctum* L. ✓
2 small patch near house
5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree
5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (L.) Don
large patch on ground
5 62 *Euphorbia chamaissoides* Bass.
common locally, center
of island
5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn.
common in trails and recently
disturbed places
5 64 *Digitaria microbachea* (Presl) Hem.
common around
village and near trails
1 65 *Cenchrus echinatus* L.
rather rare along trail
5 66 in open
in open pit well

Profiles #1, #2, #3

1 in open coconut grove
on path just out of village.

2 in open grassland
in middle of trail

3 in open coconut grove
on relatively high rocky
ground just inside
outer beach on trail

Utirik atoll.

41

aromatic, flowers purple,
"Katarin"

prostrate, extensive
flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)
stems ascending, plant
tends to be flat-topped, floral
glands white. "mal dol"
small tufts, culms
erect or ascending.
"ujoij"
small tufts, bases
decumbent and rooting

Profile #1 4 samples - 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4
surface covered with brownish fragments, granular
A horizon-layers 1, 2, 3 total 2.7'.

layer 1 - black (10YR-2/1) flecked
0-0.7' with pale.
ltr. - coarse, irregularly
granular, granular
tex. - friable, somewhat
plastic when worked,
filled loosely with
grass roots.

layer 2 - black (10YR-2/2) thickly
0.7-1.1' flecked with pale.
ltr. - irregularly granular,
bound with coconut roots.
tex. - friable, sandy-crumbly

Marshall Is. Utirik atoll, Utirik I.
Just S. of village
Nov. 29, 1951 Open coconut grove, grassy.

- 33659 *Ocimum sanctum* L. ✓
 2 small patch near house
 5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree
 5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓
 large patch on ground
 5 62 *Euphorbia chamaissoides* Biss. ✓
 common locally, center
 of island
 5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn. ✓
 common in trails and recently
 disturbed places
 5 64 *Digitaria microbadine* (Presl) Hem.
 common around

sample 1-3 layer 3 - black (10YR-3/1) mottled
 1.1-2.7' with gray
 str. - coarse, irregularly gravelly
 a few coconut root.
 Tex. - very friable, loose

C horizon - layer 4 2.7'-4' - not dug any deeper
 layer 4 - very pale brown (10YR-7/3-8/3)
 str. - granular
 Tex. - very friable, sandy

aromatic, flowers purple,
 "katarin"

prostrate, extensive,
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)
 stems ascending, plant
 tends to be flat-topped; floral
 glands white. "mal dol"
 small tufts, culms
 erect or ascending.
 "ujoi"
 small tufts, bases
 decumbent and rooting

Profile #2 samples 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6

A₁ horizon layer 1
 0-0.2' - black (10YR-2/1) thickly
 flecked with light brown
 str. - loose granular
 Tex. - coarse granular sand, completely
 friable but very slightly
 plastic when worked

A₂ horizon layer 2
 0.2-0.7' - salt-pepper brown (10YR-4/2-6/3)
 becoming lighter downward
 str. - loose granular

Marshall Is., Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet.
 center of island s. of village.
 Nov. 29, 1951
 open grassy patch in coconut grove - afternoons.

- 33659 *Oximum sanctum* L. ✓
 2 small patch near house
 5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree
 5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓
 large patch on ground
 5 62 *Euphorbia chamaesiris* Biss. ✓
 common locally, center
 of island
 5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn.
 common in trails and recently
 disturbed places
 5 64 *Digitaria microbadine* (Presl) Hem.
 common around

Buried A horizon - 0.7-1.8' layer 3
 black (10YR-2/1-4/1) becoming
 lighter downward.
 It. - loose granular
 Tex. coarse granular sand, loose.

C horizon - layer 4
 1.8'-7' - pinkish gray (5YR-4/2)
 to pink (5YR-8/3)
 (upper foot pinkish gray
 coarse, irregularly
 mottled with gray,
 changing gradually to pink)
 It. very loose granular at 5' becoming
 irregularly partially hard-caked
 (sample 7-5), roots to 5'.
 C horizon - top - coarse granular sand, loose to hard-cake.
 It. 7' - wet small gravel (sample 7-6)

aromatic, flowers purplish,
 "Katarin"

prostrate, extensive,
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)
 stems ascending, plant
 tends to be flat-topped, floral
 glands white. "mal dolo"
 small tufts, culms
 erect or ascending.
 "ujoi"
 small tufts, bases
 decumbent and rooting

Profile #3 (analogous - series of profiles with
 buried profiles) in light paper
 samples 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5.
 Layer 1 - 0-1.3' - salt & pepper (5YR-8/2, 9/1, 7/1,
 averaging 6/2) pinkish.
 It. It. granular Tex. loose sand with
 irregular coal fragments
 Buried profile - layers 2 & 3.
 Layer 2 - 1.3-1.9' - (10YR-3/2)
 It. granular, sl. firmer than other layers.
 Tex. loose sand with irregular coal fragments.
 Layer 3 - 1.9-2.3' - (5YR-8/2)
 It. granular
 Tex. loose sand with irregular coal fragments.
 Buried profile - layer 4 - 2.3-3' -
 (5YR-8/2) darkened a little at top.
 It. It. granular
 Tex. loose sand with irregular coal fragments.

Marshall Is., Utirik atoll, Utirik village
 s. of village near ocean beach, just inside
 height of land, 11' above beach-rock.
 Nov. 29, 1951 - open coconut grove, grassy.

- 33659 *Oximum sanctum* L. ✓
 2 small patch near house
 5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree
 5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓
 large patch on ground
 5 62 *Euphorbia chamaesiris* Bass. ✓
 common locally, center
 of island
 5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn. ✓
 common in trails and recently
 disturbed places
 5 64 *Digitaria microbadia* (Presl) Hem. ✓
 common around

Buried profile - layer 5

3-4 ft (then coral fragments became so
 numerous and hard packed
 that digging became impractical)

gray (5YR-5/1) becoming
 lighter downward, irregularly
 mottled or splashed with
 pink (5YR-8/2-8/3)

lt. rather hard-packed, crumbly.

Tax. sandy rubble with
 irregular coral fragments.

large cobbles and even a few
 boulders scattered throughout
 this entire profile.

aromatic, flowers purplish.
 "Katarin"

- prostrate, extensive,
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)
 stems ascending, plant
 tends to be flat-topped; floral
 glands white. "mal dolo"
 small tufts, culms
 erect or ascending.
 "ujoij"
 small tufts, bases
 decumbent and rooting,
 culms erect. "ujoij"
 small tuft, culms
 ascending "lelelek"
 green, submerged and
 floating.

± 200 yard diam. circle.
 open coconut grove, incl.
 # profile #3, has 120 standing
 coconut trees, 47 knocked
 down by typhoon, all pointing
 s. to s.e., no young trees
 less than 2 years old. ±
 general level about 11 ft.
 above edge of beach rock.
 Trees formerly spaced 15-20'.
 Uneven mat of *Lepturus*,
 some *Digitaria*, some *Fimbristylis*,
 a few *Pandanus*, most of
 large ones knocked down by typhoon.

Nov. 30 - Utirik Islet

soil profile #4 taken near s. w. end of coconut grove, slightly nearer outer than inner beach, (in the grove)

The three layers here probably have no relation to each other - probably represent three depositions of material. The total depth of loose material on reef-rock is not great.

Beyond the end of the grove the loose material has been swept away by the 1951 typhoon (my guide confirms that the water came up over the flat part of the island.) Root systems of shrubs are exposed - very extensive.

Soil profile #5 is from toward the center of the island directly east of center of village, in sparse coconut grove, ground covered by grass (*Digitaria*), *Tacca*, and abundant *Euphorbia charmosa*. Soil here is also shallow, but upper two layers (perhaps

Profile #4 hole dug 3.2' to surface of reef-rock. analogous profile.

Layer 1 - 0 - 1.6' gray (5YR-5/2) with some fine black (5YR-3/1), varying to blotches of light reddish brown (3/8-4/8)

undifferentiated except that coconut roots are more abundant in bottom 0.3', grass roots common in top.
tex. - granular, loose.

Layer 2 - 1.6 - 2.2' loamy sandy with irregular coral fragments, (many of pebble or even cobble size in bottom of layer).

tex. - crumbly, firm.
tex. - loamy sand with some gravel.

Marshall Is., Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet, windward side near w. end of coconut grove, nearer outer than inner beach

Nov. 30, 1951 Open coconut grove, grassy, some bushes.

1/4 cm. 1/4 Tex. sub
upt pi

Layer 2.

Mr.
Tex

sample 5-2:

Marsh
along
Island
Nov. 30
1951

Encountered a chestnut very strong & peculiar as it could nose to the

Tan pit to level of 1/2 Water samples

Layer 3. - 2.2-2.5' pink (5YR-2/3)

Str. firmly packed, crumbly.

Tex. very friable, fine sand with some coarser particles.

Layer 4. 2.5-3.2' mixed pinkish gray averaging about 5YR-7/2

Str. loose, not well packed.

Tex. gravel with some coarse sand

which came up over the flat part of the island.)

Root systems of shrubs are exposed - very extensive.

Soil profile #5 is from toward the center of the island directly east of center of village, in sparse coconut grove, ground covered by grass (*Digitaria*), *Tacca*, and abundant *Euphorbia chamaissensis*. Soil here is also shallow, but upper two layers probably

are really horizons of one depositional layer.

Bedrock here seems to be indurated loose material rather than reef-rock.

In this area are a number of elongate depressions or trenches, about 10 m. wide, 2 m. deep, that are doubtless long-abandoned taro-pits. They are said to have been made by the old people. They are old enough to have coconut trees at the

Profile #5 3 layers totaling 2.5'

Layer 1. 0-0.7' black (10YR-2/2)

Str. - loose granular, very friable

Tex. - loamy sand with few small coral fragments, grass roots in upper part, a few coconut roots.

Layer 2. 0.7-1.5' gray-pink (7.5YR-4/4) blotched with a salt & pepper mixture of 10YR-3/1 and 4/2, appearing gray.

Str. - loose granular.

Tex. - coarse sandy with some coconut roots.

sample 5-2:

passing gradually into layer 3

(etc.)

Marshall Is. Utinik Atoll, Utinik Point, along trail east of Village, 100 mds of last Japanese installation.

Nov. 30 1951 Sparse coconut grove, ground cov'd of *Digitaria*, *Euphorbia* etc. - tall, knee high

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Layer 3. - 2.2-2.5' pink (5YR-8/3)

Str. firmly packed, crumbly.

Tex. very friable, fine sand with some coarse particles.

Layer 4. 2.5-3.2' mixed pinkish gray
averaging about 5YR-7/2

Str. loose, not well packed.

Tex. gravel with some coarse sand

Layer 3 1.5-2.5' pink (7.5YR-8/4)
blotched above with gray
(as in blotches in layer 2)

Str. - loose granular.

Tex. - fram sand, with a few coconut roots.

nesting on a consolidated small gravel
that is pink, very firm to
pick, but after pieces are
detached they crumble somewhat.
coconut roots penetrate this.

Utrik Atoll.

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are really horizons of one
depositional layer.

Bedrock here seems to be
indurated loose material
rather than reef-rock.

In this area are a number
of elongate depressions or
trenches, about 10 m. wide,
2 m. deep, that are doubtless
long-abandoned taro-pits.
They are said to have been
made by the old people.
They are old enough to
have coconut trees at the

Profile #6 3 layers in bottom of
long-abandoned taro pit. A-C

Layer 1 0-1.9' black (10YR-2/1-2/2) becoming
somewhat lighter downward,
somewhat flecked with pale
grains.

Str. crumbly-granular

Tex. Mucky loam with some coarse
sand, plastic when worked,
roots in upper 1/3.

Layer 2 1.9-2.5' gray (10YR-4/1)

thickly flecked with pale brown (10YR-7/3)

Str. sticky granular (wet), firm.

Tex. coarse sand with some clay
and much small gravel and
some irregular coral fragment

Outcrop elevations
m.s.m.

11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0

Marshall Is. Utrik Atoll, Utrik Islet
east of village on trail, 200 m. E. of
last Japanese installation.
Nov. 30, 1950. Gloridendron thickets in bottom
of old abandoned taro pit.

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Layer 3 - 2.2-2.5' pink (5YR-2/3)

Str. firmly packed, crumbly.

Tex. very friable, fine sand with some coarser particles.

Layer 4. 2.5-3.2' mixed pinkish gray
averaging about 5YR-7/2

Profile 4-4: Str. loose, not well packed.

Tex. gravel with some coarse sand

Layer 3 (C horizon) 2.5-3.2' (bottom of hole)

pale brown (10YR-7/3)

Str. hard, firmly packed.

Tex. rubble with some sand,
pieces of coral to 3-4" thick.

Encountered water in C horizon, at about 3',
very strongly smelling of H₂S,
peculiar sweet taste, 83°F temp.
as it collected in hole;
rose to 2.3' in 2 1/2 hours.

(below level of bottom of tar pit)

Tar pit bottom perhaps 6 ft. below
level of surrounding country

Water sample marked 6-4

Wink Atoll.

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are really horizons of one
depositional layer.

Bedrock here seems to be
indurated loose material
rather than reef-rock.

In this area are a number
of elongate depressions or
trenches, about 10 m. wide,
7 m. deep, that are doubtless
long-abandoned taro-pits.
They are said to have been
made by the old people.
They are old enough to
have coconut trees of the
general size in the
surrounding plantation
growing in their bottoms.
also fair sized breadfruit
trees.

Profile #6 was dug in
the bottom of one of these,
now filled with a thicket
of Clerodendron. The soil
was black, and the water
table is only 2.3' below the
ground. The water smells
very strongly of H₂S.

Beyond here, to the east,
is a large area of open
coconut grove with Taro
making up a large part
of the ground cover, otherwise
grass and, locally, Euphorbia
characias.

The eastern part of the ^{islet} ~~atoll~~ is open coconut grove with grass. Before the grass is reached there is a small thicket of *Cordia*, *guettarda*, and *Pisonia*, almost smothered by *Ipomoea tuba*.

On the east end of the islet is an area of broken coral, with no obvious soil. This is mostly covered by a scrub of *Acacia*, dense and tangled, 2-3 m. tall at inner edge, getting lower outward, badly battered by the typhoon at outer edge, with scattered through it badly beaten old trees of *Messerschmidia*, *Pisonia*, *Guettarda*, ^{*Cordia*}, etc. about twice as tall as the scrub. In the scrub are many ^{dead} branches of these lying tangled in the scrub. This scrub is so dense that it is laborious to cut a trail through it. It is also tangled with *Ipomoea tuba*.

On bare broken coral inside this belt of scrub was found a colony of *Theruya undulalis*, also much *Boerhaavia diffusa* of the extensive, pointed leafed, capitate infl-form.

Two species of lizards noted on island - a small slender brown skink, and a large, swift-like green one, up to 8" long. ^{agrees} ~~size~~ of these latter ^{were} secured and is in jar #1.

In jar #1, also are two specimens of the large red hermit crab; ~~there~~ four of a smaller white and purple banded one; and two specimens of a burrowing land crab or "ghost crab" of a very pale color, dug out of burrows in the sand flat of the west part of the island. The hermit crabs were eating meat from split young drinking coconuts.

- Vial #7 - has earthworm from upper layer of profile #6. ^{Lost}

In jar #2 are a number of hermit crabs, one land crab and some skinkles.

- 33667 *Guettarda speciosa* L.
common in ~~the~~ sparse coconut grove and in scrub along outer edge of islet
- 69 *Laurina maritima* L.
common in scrub on outer part of islet, outside coconut grove, on coral debris.
- 69 *Leucaena glauca* (L.) Benth.
very local, around old Japanese installation, center of west arm of islet.
- 70 *Carica papaya* L.
common, this from near center of west arm of islet.
- 71 *Cordia subcordata* Lam.
~~occasional~~ in sparse coconut groves, sometimes forming small thickets.
- 72 *Euphorbia heterophylla* L.
very local, ~~abundant where seen,~~
~~see colony seen,~~ around abandoned dwelling sites
- 73 *Clerodendrum inerme* (L.) G. Don
common in center of islet, especially around abandoned taro pits, forming low thickets.
- 74 *Polypodium scolopendria* Burm.
in small pit around old Japanese installation, not seen elsewhere
- 75 *Portulaca samoensis* v. Pallas.
common in sparse coconut groves in center of islets on bare ground.

- shrub 2 m. tall, bushy, (others seen up to 5 m. tall); flowers white, very fragrant. "iwit"
low shrub, spreading; flowers yellow, petals falling easily.
- shrubs 3-4 m. tall, flowers cream-white.
- plant 3 m. tall, flowers cream-white.
- shrub 3 m. tall; all seen sterile. "mano"
bracts partly scarlet.
- shrub 1-1.5 m. tall; flowers white with maroon-purple stamens and style. "ulij"
- prostrate, fleshy, root tuberous; flowers yellow, closing before mid-day.

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- 33676 76 *Pisonia grandis* R.Br.
scattered in Scaevola scrub
on outer part of north end
of islet.
- 77 *Ipomoea tuba* (Bleekert) Don
common, tangled in
inner edge of Scaevola
scrub on north end of islet.
- 78 *Calophyllum inophyllum* L.
rare, one tree seen near
center of island.
- 79 *Fleurya ruderalis* Gaud.
local on bare broken
coral just inside belt
of Scaevola scrub on north
end of island.
- 80 *Boerhaavia diffusa* L.
common on bare broken
coral just inside belt
of Scaevola scrub on north
end of island

Dec. 1 - same.

- 81 *Lepturus repens* (Forst.) R.Br.
one of first colonists on
bare coral sand (also
dominant ground cover
under coconut trees in outer
parts of ~~the~~ coconut grove)
- 82 *Pemphis acidula* Forst.
in mixed scrub on
sand spit (small dunes)
- 83 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Fosb.
planted in village

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tree 5 m. tall, 15 cm. thick;
leaves pale green;
all seen sterile.

vine, extensively
twining, climbing in
shrubs and trees.

stems succulent, red.
"new boutekut"

prostrate, forming
extensive loose mats;
flowers pink.

bunches of erect
culms, sending out
long prostrate creeping
runners or stolons.
"njoij"

shrub 1.5 m. tall, leaves
salty astringent to taste;
flowers white.

tree 6 m. tall, sterile at this stage;
said to be seedless variety. "ma"

- 33 684 *Morinda citrifolia* L.
very common in open coconut grove
- 2 85 *Nerium*
planted in village
- 2 86 *Cinnamomum*
abundantly planted in village
- 2 87 *Lida fallax* Walp.
single plant planted in village
- 6 88 *Phyllanthus niruri* L.
common locally in village
- 2 89 *Plumeria rubra* L.
planted in village
- 5 90 *Pseuderanthemum caruthersii* (Seem.) Griseb.
^{var. caruthersii} planted in village
- # 91 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Forst.
planted in ~~old~~ coconut grove
- 7 92 *Thunbergia involucrata* (Forst.) R. & S.
common locally in coconut grove
- 6 93 *Trumpettia procumbens* Forst.
~~abundant~~ locally in coconut grove
- 5 94 *Cassytha filiformis* L.
common generally parasitizing herbs & shrubs

- "neri" shrub 3 m. tall. leaves
glossy; flowers white.
sterile shrub 3 m. tall,
neck up to 3 dm. high,
1-1.5 dm. thick, plant
up to 2 m. tall; peduncles
red, somewhat compressed;
flowers white with
maroon tube & stamens,
very fragrant. Pedicels
thick, 2-2.5 cm. long. "kies"
shrub 1 m. tall; leaves
green; flowers orange.
erect; flowers green.
- "nuij"
rounded shrub or small
tree 2.5 m. tall, flowers
white with yellow center,
fragrant.
- small tree 3 m. tall; leaves
green; flowers with
salverform corolla, white
with red-purple center,
2 lobes erect, one down, two
lateral ones below horizontal.
tree 5 m. tall, sterile at this
season; said to be seeded variety. "ma"
prostrate, forming loose
mat. "njoij" (meas grass)
prostrate, extensive creeper
branches ascending, flowers yellow.
stems green (& yellow in
some places), flowers white, fruit ^{purple} ~~yellow~~.

33695 *Tacca leontopetaloides* (L.) S.K.
locally dominant in
ground cover in sparse
coconut grove. Seedlings
abundant.

96 *Premna obtusifolia* R. Br.
two trees seen, near village
on lagoon side of islet

97 *Pandanus tectorius* Park.
common generally

Took samples of water
flowing from beach in
small springs just above
low tide marsh. This is
salty. Also took water
samples from two ~~one~~ pit
wells, one about 100 m. from
beach, the other about 50 m. on
lagoon side of island.

Two samples marked UW-6 and
UW-7 are from beach, UW-6 taken
at low tide, UW-7 1/2 hour later.
UW-8 from 100 m. back of beach,
at this point; UW-9 from
50 m. back, but much further
west.

98 *Sphaerococcus*
algal crust on soil in
coconut grove.

acauliscent, scapose,
up to 2 m. tall, at this
season turning quite
yellow, fruits ripe.
Tubers used to make
starch. "mokemok"
seedlings included in specimen.
small tree, leaves
badly eaten by insects.
sterile. "kaai"
tree 5 m. tall, pulp of fruit
eaten. "lop".

~~Vial #6~~ Vial #6 - bottom layer
has damsel flies from
around pit well, brown
flies that are everywhere.

Vial #10 - miscellaneous.
Clateriid flying to light
at night - Utirik Islet.
Pseudoscorpions and isopod
in litter samples ~~#9+8~~ from Eebuk I.

Bigarab

Dec. 2 - Pigawak Islet,
south part of islet planted
to coconuts. This part has
sandy or gravelly soil,
upper layer black or at
least fine material black.
Ground cover mostly
Lepturus.

Just east of the south point
is a small mangrove
depression with *Bursera*
conjugata, water rather
muddy because stirred
up by pigs. Water sample
UV-10 taken here.

No weeds or cultivated
plants noted on this islet.

Outer part of island of
sharp broken coral, pieces
small on inner side, coarse
on outer. Along concave

~~a~~ passage beach is a
very well developed ridge
of sharp broken rock
not at all vegetated ~~at~~
the outer slope and on the
broad (5-10 m.) top. Only
one or two plants of *Triumfetta*
have gained a foothold on
the outer part of this, scarcely
in a few places. Lepturus
where sand has accumulated.

On outer reef there is
evidence of a former reef (17.5)

Cebuluk Islet - coconuts
sparsely planted on
inner end of islet, with
considerable *Pandanus*.
Open ground under trees
with *Lepturus*. Soil
here relatively fine,
but with considerable
gravel sized material.

Remainder of islet covered
with mixed scrub with
Pisonia and *Acacia* predominant,
outer beach
fringe with considerable
Lunaria, growing on
cobble ridge. Small
openings with *Achyranthes*
abundant. Butterflies
very common here
visiting *Achyranthes* flowers.

Inside this is mixed
scrub with considerable
~~at~~ *Pisonia*. Between *Acacia*
and coconut grove is narrow
open strip, grassy. Much
Pisonia in scrub at
inner edge.

most of which has been cut away, but which still exists, to a height of 3-4 feet just under the boulder rampart.

The inner end, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the concave passage beach, is of sand, and here is beach-rock, parallel with beach, dipping toward passage. The beach above this is of fine calcaceous sand (sample 7). It is being blown away, exposing Scaevola roots. The only plants growing on the actual beach slope are scattered *Triumfetta procumbens*.

In this sand are occasional small pebbles of pumice, these in most cases completely enveloped in a casing of small Scaevola roots.

The general broken rock surface is covered by mixed scrub, largely Scaevola, but with Guettarda, Messerschmidia, Pisonia, and Terminalia samoensis. The secondary components become more abundant toward the outer end, but on the actual outer beach is a broad fringe

of mostly Scaevola, this only about 1 m. tall or less, while the general scrub is from 2 to 4 m. tall, with occasional trees, mostly Pisonia but some Messerschmidia and some Guettarda, 5-7 m. tall.

Vial #8 - Misc. insects taken sweeping, mostly on Pigawak Islet
 (Geophilid on Eeluk Islet.)
 (Cerambycid on Eeluk Islet)
 (Lygeid on Pigawak I., or Adelophyllum.)
 (large moth larva on Pisonia on Eeluk Islet)

Vial #9 - Misc. animals collected in leaf litter on ground on Eeluk Islet.

Screening samples: Eeluk Islet:

#8 - from approx. 1 sq. yard of litter under Pandanus.

#9 - from approx. 1 sq. yard of surface in Lepturus grass under sparse coconut.

#10 - from approx. 1 sq. yard under Pisonia. Living snails in vial from decaying Pisonia twigs on ground.

Dec. 2 - Eelulu Islet

- 33699 *Suriang maritima* L.
outer fringe of scrub on outer beach
- 33700 *Ipomoea turba* (Schlecht.) Don
very abundant on south passage beach, on rubble and climbing over scrub.
- 3 01 *Portulaca lutea*? Sd.
small colony on bare coral gravel near inner beach.

Dec. 2 - on reef flat in
passage bet. Eelulu and
Pigawah Islets.

- 3 02 ~~alg.~~ *Neomysis vanbosseae* Howe (det. Taylor 1955)
very common at about extreme low tide level

- 1 03 *Liagora?* *valida* Harvey (det. Taylor 1955)
rare at about low tide level

- 1 04 *Microdictyon okamurae* Setch. (det. Taylor 1955)
rare at low tide level

- 1 05 ~~alg.~~ *Centroceras clavulatum* (C. Ag.)
on tufts of *Caulerpa* at extreme low tide

- 3 06a *Caulerpa serrulata* (Forssk.) J. Ag. (det.
very common on bare rock

- 5 06b ^{at extreme low tide level} *Caulerpa urvilleana* Mont. (det. Taylor 1955)

- 5 07 *Eryopsis*
very common on tufts of *Caulerpa* at extreme low tide level
- 3 08 *Porolithon* ^{red algae} living fragments on reef flat bed. just below low tide level

~~low shrub~~
low shrub ~~to~~ 1 m. tall,
flowers yellow "ngiengé"
prostrate and twining,
flowers white, calyx fleshy
just before maturity "maralip"
(seeds coll. for Taylor)
stems up to 15 mm. thick,
gray brown, ascending;
leaves fleshy, obovate;
flowers yellow, ~~stamens~~
1 cm. across, stamens 15-20;
"puya"

whitish green, clavate-terete.

green
mont. (det. Taylor 1955)
reddish.
level
Taylor 1955)

prostrate rhizome with
tufts of compressed green process.
yellowish red.

N.W. 30° E.

bright rose pink

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~~Allophylus~~ *grec*in cavity in fallen Pisonia
trunks5 12 *Allophylus timorensis* (DC.) Bl.
colony in mixed scrub
on broken coral7° 11 *Premna obtusifolia* R.B. & V.
one plant seen in
coconut grove5 12 *Bruguiera conjugata* (L.) Mon.
small colony in low
spot near south point,
not seen elsewhere.5 13 *Terminalia zamboensis* Röhl
occasional in mixed
scrub.5 14 *Aphyranthes velutina* H. & A.
~~small~~ two small
colonies seen, (much more
abundant on Lekuk I. in
openings in scrub) in
edges of scrub, on broken coral.

A

shrub 1 m. tall (others to
2 m.) diffusely branched,
flowers white
diffusely branched
shrubby tree 4 m. tall,
branches to ground;
flowers pale green,
aromatic. Leaves
varying in serration.
small trees 2-3 m. tall;
flowers red calyx red,
petals tan. "chong"

shrub 1 m. tall (taller
plants seen, also when
on edge of beach, very
depressed ones); fruit
green.

spreading, sprawling
plants, repeatedly branched,
floral bracts bright
purple.

Dec. 3 Utirik Islet
sand spit with
low hummocks

33715 *Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) Krause

- 2 16 under loose bark
under ^{loose} bark of dead stub
of living *Messerschmidia*
- 2 17 *Laurencia* sp. (det. Taylor 1955)
floating in lagoon
- 2 18 ~~algal layer~~
algal layer in surface
layers of beach rock
- 3 19 algal crust on coral sand

several lines of beach
rock dipping toward sea,
then flat reef-rock, this
quite impervious and hard
except where cracked. Then
one line dipping toward
lagoon then sand bar
a spit a foot or two higher
than reef rock. The
rock apparently exposed
during 1944 hurricane,
which almost completely
denuded this part of the
islet.

shrub 2 m. tall, branched
and spreading; flowers
dirty white; fruit
white, fleshy. "banana"
white, fleshy.

red.

green layer.

black, broken into
small blocks.

Vial #11 - larvae of a
moth, eating flowers
and, to a less extent,
leaves of *Messerschmidia*.

Vial #12 - Miscellaneous
insects collected on
Messerschmidia argentea.

The proximal part of
this denuded ~~is~~ rock
flat has scattered
clumps of *Pemphis*,
some very dense,
with scattered tufts
of *Lepturus* between.

some Cassytha and a few other plants.
~~distal part~~
 Dead bushes of Scaevola with their enormous root systems exposed are common on the proximal part, toward the sea, apparently killed by the March, 1951, typhoon, which swept much of the rock clear of soil.

Distal to a break in the beach-rocks, where the sea comes in at high tide to form a large pool, there is almost no vegetation on the rock-flat (a plant or two of *Pemphis*, only), but a line of Scaevola scrub (with some *messerschmidia*) runs on out along the crest

(3) of the sand spit. The bushes are well grown, 2-3 m. tall, and small trees of *messerschmidia* may be 4 m.

along the lagoon side of this spit are two levels of deposited material, one just below the crest, firm level sand, with a slight algal crust, and beginning to be revegetated with Scaevola and *Septentaria*. Between this and the water's edge is actual beach, of fine gravel, which is loose. Here are many tiny seedlings of *Messerschmidia*. All three of these belts are cut here and there by places where the waves have actually gone over and washed vertical sided gaps a foot or two into the sand ridge, exposing the root systems of Scaevola.

Counts of relative numbers of ~~various~~ various plants present as seedlings or adult plants were made along a stretch that seemed typical. Areas were not measured so the percentage composition is the only significant factor here.

	1	2	3
general			
Scavoia	3	9	12
Messerschmidia	112	3	5
Lepturus	13	95	
Fimbristylis	2	1	
scattered Fimbristylis			
Buriana			
Grewia			
Pandanus			
Cemphis			
Lasiytha			
scattered Triumetta		5	

The exposed beach rock has a green algal layer a few mm. below the surface, esp. where the rock is gray rather than white

Dec. 4 - Lagom - saw white tailed tropic bird flying above boat.

Golden Plover seen generally, on all islets. Very tame here, run with chickens, only fly up on close approach of a person. "kolej"

The coconuts, in general, are very small here, variable but averaging small.

Dec. 2 - Eeluk I. - A great crowd of fairy terns in air when I was in brushy part of islet. The egg of one of them was seen, lying on a dead stub of a branch of a messerschmidia tree, balanced in a slight irregularity. It was mm. long, mm. wide, ground color a pale brownish gray, irregularly mottled with brown-gray, brown, and very dark brown.

Hypolimnas bolina (?) very common here, two main color forms, and some variation in these. Visiting Adelgaster velutina form.

Native name for fairy tern is "mejo'h"

Large animals
Man "tānōo"

Dog

Pig "big"

Cat "gūj"

chicken "pāi" or "pāu"

rat - reported by natives, not seen.

Dec. 5 Taka I.

Lagoonward half
in coconuts, more densely
planted toward lagoon
sparser toward center
of island (e.w.).

Surface soil in
part covered by coconuts
sandy, mostly not
very dark in color
except at extreme
surface.

Profile #11 in small
grassy opening in this
section.

Central part of
island, scrub with
a few scattered coconuts,
and, in southern
half, with open *Pisonia*
forest. Profiles 12 + 13
in scrub, 14 in *Scaevola*,
15 in mixed *Messerschmidia*,
Scaevola, *Guettarda*.

In coconut plantation scattered
clumps and patches of
Scaevola brush, masses of
young coconuts, scattered
Pandanus, ground cover of
Triumfetta, *Polypodium*,
Cassytha, *Lepturus*, very
exuberant the *Triumfetta*
sending up erect branches

Profile #12 0-4.3' three layers.

Layer 1 - A₁ horizon - 0-0.9' dark brown
(7.5 YR - 3/2) but larger particles
as light as 7.5 YR - 5 1/2 in 6 1/2" at top
becoming gradually darker and
fir. loose granular, lighter, fluffier top.
Tex. loamy sand, more organic
matter toward top.

changes gradually to
Layer 2 - A₂ horizon. pinkish gray (7.5 YR - 6 1/2)
0.9-1.5'
fir. fairly compact but easily crumbled.
Tex. sand mixed with fine silt.

changes gradually to
(over)

Marshall Is. Taka atoll, Taka I.

Dec. 5, 1951 grassy opening in
mixed scrub.

from the prostrate stems,
abundantly floriferous,
flowers opening late in
afternoon. *Cassytha*
forms large dense
mats.

Well in this section - water
temp. 81° at 10:35 a.m.

Outer third of island
uneven mixed scrub, with
grassy openings in north part,
dense in south part, many
fallen trees.

Layer 3 A horizon. 1.5-4.3' pink (7.5 YR - 7/4)
str. loose varying to compact
granular.

Tex. sand to small gravel with
occasional fragments 2-4" across.

Resting on a smooth, very ~~flat~~
hard flat indurated lime-sand
or beach rock (rings when struck
with pick and sends shower of sparks)

area -
a few scattered coconuts, and, in southern
half, with open *Pisonia*
forest. Profiles 12 + 13
in scrub, 13 in *Scaevola*,
12 in mixed *Messerschmidia*,
Scaevola, *Guettarda*.

In coconut plantation scattered
clumps and patches of
Scaevola brush, masses of
young coconuts, scattered
Pandanus, ground cover of
Trumfetta, *Polypodium*,
Cassytha, *Lepturus*, very
luxuriant, the *Trumfetta*
sending up erect branches

Profile #11 of three layers, totaling
3' to rock.

Sample 11-1 Layer 1 0-0.8' whitish pink (7.5 YR - 8/2),
slightly stained with organic
matter in upper 0.15'.
str. loose granular
Tex. coarse sandy.

Sample 11-2 abrupt change to
Layer 2. 0.8-1.5' salt + pepper mixture
of dark brown (7.5 YR - 3/2) and pinkish
gray (7.5 YR - 6/2).
str. loose granular, many coconut
roots.
Tex. very sandy loam.
This is certainly a buried Abouyon.
transition of 1" to ^(avg.)

Marshall Is., Taka Atoll, Taka I.
100 yards in from lagoon beach near
center of island.

Dec. 5, 1951 sparse coconut grove,
small grassy opening.

from the prostrate stems,
abundantly floriferous,
flowers opening late in
afternoon. *Cassytha*
forms large dense
mats.

Well in this section - water
temp. 81° at 10:35 a.m.

Outer third of island
uneven mixed scrub, with
grassy opening in north part,
dense in south part, many
fallen trees.

Layer 4
Sample 13-4

2.5-4.4' very pale brown
(10 Y R - 8/4)

str. granular, loose.

7 ex. coarse sand with some gravel, changing to sand and large fragments in bottom 8" or so.

Resting on consolidated fine gravel.

to at

Wnts, and, in southern half, with open Pisonia forest. Profiles 12 + 13 in scrub, 13 in Scaevola, 12 in mixed Messerschmidia, Scaevola, Guettarda.

In coconut plantation scattered clumps and patches of Scaevola brush, masses of young coconuts, scattered Pandanus, ground cover of Triumfetta, Polypodium, Cassytha, Lepturus, very excraviant, the Triumfetta sending up erect branches.

Takatoll

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Vial #13 - orb weaving spider
from Takatoll.

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Vial #14 - animals from around base of coconut tree in pile of old leaves, etc.

Vial #15 - ants and termites from rotting Messerschmidia log. Larvae in tube from outside of sheaths of living coconut trees. Other things miscellaneous.

from the prostrate stems, abundantly floriferous, flowers opening late in afternoon. Cassytha forms large dense mats.

Well in this section - water temp. 81° at 10:35 a.m.

Outer third of island uneven mixed scrub, with grassy openings in north part, dense in south part, many fallen trees.

Dec. 5 - Tabua Islet

Open coconut grove on
coral sand soil.33720 *Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) Kr. ✓
common under coconuts.5 21 *Triumfetta procumbens* Forst. ✓
very common, forming
large pure stands
under coconuts.5 22 *Messerschmidia argentea* (Wight)
very common in scrub
and under coconut trees.5 23 *Polyodium scolopendria* Burm.
abundant everywhere
under coconut trees5 24 *Cassytha filiformis* L.
very abundant everywhere
on low growing plants.5 25 *Pandanus tectorius* Park.
common under coconuts5 26 *Lida fallax* Waly.
occasional to common
under coconuts5 27 *Albugo platensis*
common, parasitic on
Baccharis diffusa.

3 28 on dead coconut trunk

shrub 2³/4 m. tall, forming
rounded masses; leaves
bright green, flowers
dull white, inside of
tube yellowish, edges
of split purple; fruit white.
main stems prostrate,
flowering branches erect,
flowers yellow closed
during middle of day,
open in late afternoon.
shrub 3 m. tall, often
seen taller; leaves frosty
green, flowers white,
fragrant.
rhizome prostrate,
fronds erect.

green to orange; flowers
white; fruit immature.
small tree 6 m. tall.

shrub, up to 0.8 m. tall,
flowers orange.

causes branches of
host to assume erect habit.
variable in outline.

- 5 309 *Achyranthes velutina* H. & A.
common in openings
- 5 310 *Polyporus*
on dead Pandanus tree
- 3 311 *fungus*
on dead Pandanus tree
- 5 312 *Lepturus repens* (Forst.) R. Br. v
dominant in many
places in openings, under
trees, and under scrub.
- 5 313 *black sand*
in edge of coconut grove
on coral sand.

Dec. 6 same.

- # 34 *Morinda citrifolia* L.
occasional in Pisonia
grove, center of island.
- 2 35 *Pisonia grandis* R. Br.
occasional all over island,
~~trees~~ grove of large
trees in center, with
innumerable root sprouts
- 2 36 *Carica papaya* L.
occasional in Pisonia
grove in center of island
- 5 37 *Fimbristylis cymosa* R. Br.
only a small colony seen
on S.W. corner of island

- sprawling herb, up
to 1.5 m. across; flowers
rose purple.
bright orange-vermillion
erect tufts
- black crust on surface of sand.

- shrub 3 m. tall; leaves
glossy, dark green,
flowers white, fruit
ovoid, fleshy.
- trees 8 to 20 m. tall,
large soft whitish
trunks; all seen
were sterile.
- single stemmed
tree. leaves in a
rosette at top, axis
somewhat elongate;
- 4 flowers white.
- small tufts; leaves
stiff.

- 7738 *Buriana maritima* L.
2 very rare, few plants on
top of s. w. beach
- 2 39 *Terminalia samoensis* Rchb.
single plant on exposed
beach
- 5 40 *Guettarda speciosa* L.
very common in scrub
and occasional in coconut
grove.
- 5 41 *Rubigo platensis*
common, infecting
Boerhaavia
- 5 42 *Portulaca lutea* L.
occasional on topsoil-stripped
flat facing sea, on
bare sand.
- 5 43 *Boerhaavia diffusa* L.
in sparse coconut grove
near north end, on broken
coral.
- 5 44 *Fleurya ruderalis* Gaud.
abundant in sparse
coconut grove, on broken
coral (also on sand).
- 2 45 *Morinda citrifolia* L.
on broken coral in north
end of coconut grove
- 5 46 *Boerhaavia*
at edge of scrub at
north end of island,
exposed situation.

- low shrub 3 dm. tall,
all seen sterile.
- shrub 1 m. tall, sterile.
- small tree 3 m. tall,
flwo (others taller)
flowers white, very
fragrant.
- produces erect habit
in infected branches
of normally prostrate
host.
- fleshy much branched
spreading to ascending
herb, stems red;
flowers yellow,
stamens
- prostrate, forming
extensive mat, from
thick vertical root.
flowers pink, stamens
2-3.
- erect, stem fleshy,
bronze; flowers
bronze.
- shrub 2 m. tall, with
seedlings beneath.
- prostrate, from
thickened roots; flowers
pink, 2-4 stamens.

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33747 *Pemphis acidula* Forst.
beach-rods stripped
of loose material by
typhoon.

48 *Boerhaavia*
in edge of scrub at
north end of island.

49 on rotting coconut wood

50 on rotting wood.

Vial #16 - animals from
under loose bark of
rotting *Pisonia* twigs.

Vial #17 - animals from
axils of ~~Pandanus~~ Pandanus
leaves.

Vial 18 - snails from
old coniferous log cast
up above high tide mark
on seaward beach.

Vial 19 - insects, etc.
leaf mold, etc. on ground

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old stumps, left by
typhoon, sending out
clumps of sprouts.
leaves thick, astringent
when chewed; petals white,
top of fruit maroon.
prostrate, forming
large loose mat;
flowers pink, stamens
2-3.
- whitish in color, including
tan color with somewhat
darker gills.

Dec. 7 - ♂ same

33751 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Hem
§ 4 small colony on broken
coral in north end of
coconut grove.

The greater part of Taka Islet is characterized by sandy soil, varying from almost unaltered at the surface to black and filled with humus. The surface is generally covered by scattered coral fragments and occasional cobbles and boulders. The soils are deep and profiles vary, there being usually buried profiles. In the center of the north end of the island, about 100-150 m. in from all three sides is an area, planted to coconuts, of broken coral ^{fragments} varying locally in size from 2-4 cm. thick to cobbles and even small boulders.

In the *Pisonia* grove in the center the soil is black, boulders fairly numerous. Here are a

plants weak, supported by surrounding vegetation.

few plants of *Caries papaya*. Many *Pisonia* trees have been knocked down, by the typhoon, and the grove is open, but choked with seedlings and sprouts 1-3 m. tall. The trees are up to perhaps 60 ft. high, now quite scraggly and with leaves badly eaten by larvae.

Soil sample #14 from reef flat just above high tide level

Dec. 7 - Raajerun Island
^{Loritor}

33752 *Suniana maritima* L.
 scattered bushes on sand bar, the one specimen came from growing on exposed beach rocks.

Soil sample #14 -
 A peat forming a ^{tough} compact layer 2.5-3" thick ~~underlain~~
 underlain by loose coral gravel with very little sand. Color dark brown. pH 5.5-6.0.
 In *Pisonia* grove.

Soil sample #15 - black to dark brown layer, with some *Graminifera* and coral fragments, 3" thick overlying loose coral gravel in *Pisonia* grove. pH 8.0 more crumbly than #14.

Screening sample #16.
 material scraped from surface under dead leaves in *Pisonia* grove, on layer from which soil sample #15 was taken, run thru & screens, caught on fourth.

bush 0.6 m. tall, spreading, much branched.

On the reef flat on the north side, exposed at medium to low tide, the reef-rock surface is flat with micro-solution features, pointed enough to preclude there being extensive abrasion in process at present.

Tiny solution basins stained white in places with precipitated chalk (?). On this flat there is horizontal exfoliation taking place, right through corals and other irregular materials, giving smoothly flat surfaces, which then start to be pitted again. Several stages of pitting visible in adjacent segments, showing relative times of exfoliation [photos]. The material is a hard, very much consolidated breccia or conglomerate material. (m)

Vitell #20 insects caught beating lida pallax

Vitell #21 animals collected in leaf mould under in Pisonia grove. Isopods generally common, but great concentration under one coral boulder. Trinotellinids on decaying Pisonia twigs. Sipillids loose in soil.

Temp. of very small pools at 9:30 a.m. is 84° F.
of dry rock adjacent 85° F.

The inner beach is lined with tall Scaevola scrub with some Messerschmidia.

The north passage beach, with ~~the~~ ^{W.W.D.} taking wind-beaten Scaevola scrub with Terminalia, guettarda.

The outer beach has an extensive bare striped area, then, on sand ^{finely granular} a belt of Lepturus-Portulaca with Portulaca more abundant on the outer edge, on extreme outer edge many Portulaca seedlings only, inner part with scattered shrub.

of Scaevola and Messerschmidia, then a belt of low Pisonia scrub (gradually merging around passage beaches) into Scaevola scrub of inner beach. This belt giving way to Pisonia grove which occupies center of islet. This is an acre or two in extent. Trees wind-sheared to about 6-8 m., trunks 3-4 dm. or less thick, tops forming a fairly complete canopy, still green but beginning to lose leaves in places. Spacing average 3-4 m., no undergrowth except occasional Pisonia seedlings or sprouts, except in openings left by fallen trees, which are choked with sprouts. Ground in grove covered by decayed twigs. Soil black, in some places pure tough peat, (sample #14), pH 5.5-6, 5-8 cm. thick, in other places with some admixture of pebbles, sand, etc. (sample #15), pH 8, always shallow, underlain by loose coral gravel; cobbles + boulders scattered on surface. Pisonia root systems spreading just under surface, no (4.85)

Dec. 7 - Passage bet. Raajeruv
and Taka Islets.

At low tide there is a current of water a few inches deep flowing into the lagoon. The rock surface is pitted with solution (?) basins a few inches across each with a handful of gravel in it, which has evidently pot-holed the basins to a more or less hemispherical shape. The rims are elevated a fraction of an inch above the surrounding flattish surface.

- 33753 *Dictyosphaeria cavernosa* (Forssk.) Brg. (det. Taylor 1955) green.
 1 on boulder on reef flat
- 54 *Cladophora* or *Spermothamnion* (det. Taylor 1955) yellow felt, binding fine sand.
 lining interior of solution basins
- 2 55 ? *Valoniopsis pachynema* (Mart.) Brg. (det. Taylor 1955) pale green, very coarse mat.
 in depressions in reef
- 1 56 *Microdictyon okamarai* Sitch. (det. Taylor 1955) green, in one place.
 on pebbles and cobbles
 on reef flat
- 5 57 on reef flat outside of islet holding fine sand or silt in a gritty-like mass, reddish-pink on surface, greenish within.
 rose-pink, thin coating on rocks.
- ~ { 58 flat in pot-holes.
 ~ { 59 on pebbles or pieces of coral on reef

pronounced tap roots. A few trees tipped over by typhoon. Openings around edges have bids and acalypanthes, separately, each forming low scrub, locally, in them, but openings mainly lepturus.

Temperatures at noon in grove 1 m. alt. 86°F., close to boulders 84.5°F., ground level 83°F.

Terns abundant, esp. fairy terns - nesting.
Noddies + footies also present.
 One little-thighed Curlew seen.

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in Lambis shell on reef

red filaments, giving
surface a slimy feel.

Wat. work
Dec. 9 - Elk Islet

Jar sample #¹⁴ contains screenings from surface layers ~~under~~ in Messerschmidia scrub - Pupillidae and perhaps other snails. also sub-fossil marine echinoid.

Vial 22 - insects secured sweeping Leptium repens.

Vial 23 animals secured around roots of Leptium.

Vial 24 insects secured sweeping Flueggea undulata.

Vial 25 animals from under Messerschmidia bark.

Vial 26 Earthworms from under rotting coconut log.

Vial 27 Grasshoppers from grassy openings, common. Geophila, larvae, etc. from under Pisonia.

Jar #3 contains hermit crabs found up between stilt roots of Pandanus and a ~~tree~~ skink, from Tabu Islet, Tabu atoll, a land crab found under a boulder on Raajerun Islet in Pisonia grove, skink (wrapped in cloth) from same place; hermit crab from Lambis shell on reef between Tabu and Raajerun Islets, below low tide level; land crab found under rotting coconut log, and gecko found under loose bark of dead ~~Messerschmidia~~ tree, on Elk Islet.

The land crab from Raajerun was generally dark purple, the one from Elk gray-brown, appendages banded with lighter gray.

- sparse Messerschmidia
scrub with openings
- 33761 Boerhaavia
on broken coral in opening in
~~soil~~ also on coral gravel.
on broken coral rocks in openings
- q 62 Boerhaavia x?
on broken coral rock in opening
also on coral gravel.
- 4 63 Cook Albugo platensis
infesting Boerhaavia #33762
- r 64 Fleurya undulata var.
abundant in openings
especially on broken
rock, but also on gravel,
rarely on logs or
sloping tree trunks.
- s 65 Boerhaavia
common in openings
and at edges, on broken
coral and coral gravel.

prostrate, leaves thick,
white beneath, stems
scarce reddish; flowers
pink. Plant infested
with albugo.

prostrate; leaves
thick, stems white
beneath, stems reddish,
~~not much~~ infested
with albugo.

altering habit of
infested branches from
elongate, prostrate,
to erect, short.
erect, stems fleshy
green, no red color?
(green dominant
color on this islet,
very little trace of
red or bronze seen).

prostrate, stems
reddish; leaves
scarce thick, white
beneath, flowers pink.
Not infested by albugo.

on seaward reef on
south west corner of
islet

33766 1 on clumps of *Proolithon*, down
in crack on outer edge
of reef flat, back of
Lithothamnion ridge

1 67 *Caulerpa urvilleana* Mont.? (det. Taylor 1955)
same.

3 68 *Proolithon*
outer reef flat, among
living coral back of litho-
thamnion ridge

3 69 *Proolithon*
same

3 70 alga
growing on *Proolithon*
pale pink

2 71 alga Myxophyceae incl.-? *Phormidium* (det. Taylor 1955) reddish.
forming thin fur on rock
on inner half of reef flat
between tides, holding fine sand

2. { 72 *Proolithon*
73 *Proolithon gardineri* (Foslie) Foslie f. *gardineri*

74 *Proolithon*

75 *Proolithon* - ^{gymnopeltis sp.} _{sp.}

76 *Proolithon* making up massive
part of *Lithothamnion* ridge

77 alga
growing on ~~tattooth~~ *Proolithon*

78 lichen
on bark of *Messerschmidia*, in sand

dark red.

green

rose pink, paler at
tips.

same

pale pink

reddish.

det. Sibley

bright rose-pink.

pinkish-white.

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~~watermark~~

Click Islet is about three-fourths covered with rather sparse Messerschmidia scrub, with some seaweeds especially along outer beach, scattered low scraggly Pisonia, in interior, the scrub in places quite dense and tangled with fallen trees, in places open and with irregular openings. The southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ was stripped bare by a typhoon, leaving in most places a thin gravel, with rock exposed in many places (see diagram). This gravel being colonized by Lepturus and Portulaca.

The wooded part of the islet is several feet higher than the denuded part. The southeast part is broken rock surrounded by a low ridge or rampart, the rock varying in size from small pieces 3-5 cm. thick to cobbles, more or less uniform locally, boulders scattered here and there, incl. large slabs of beach-rock far inland.

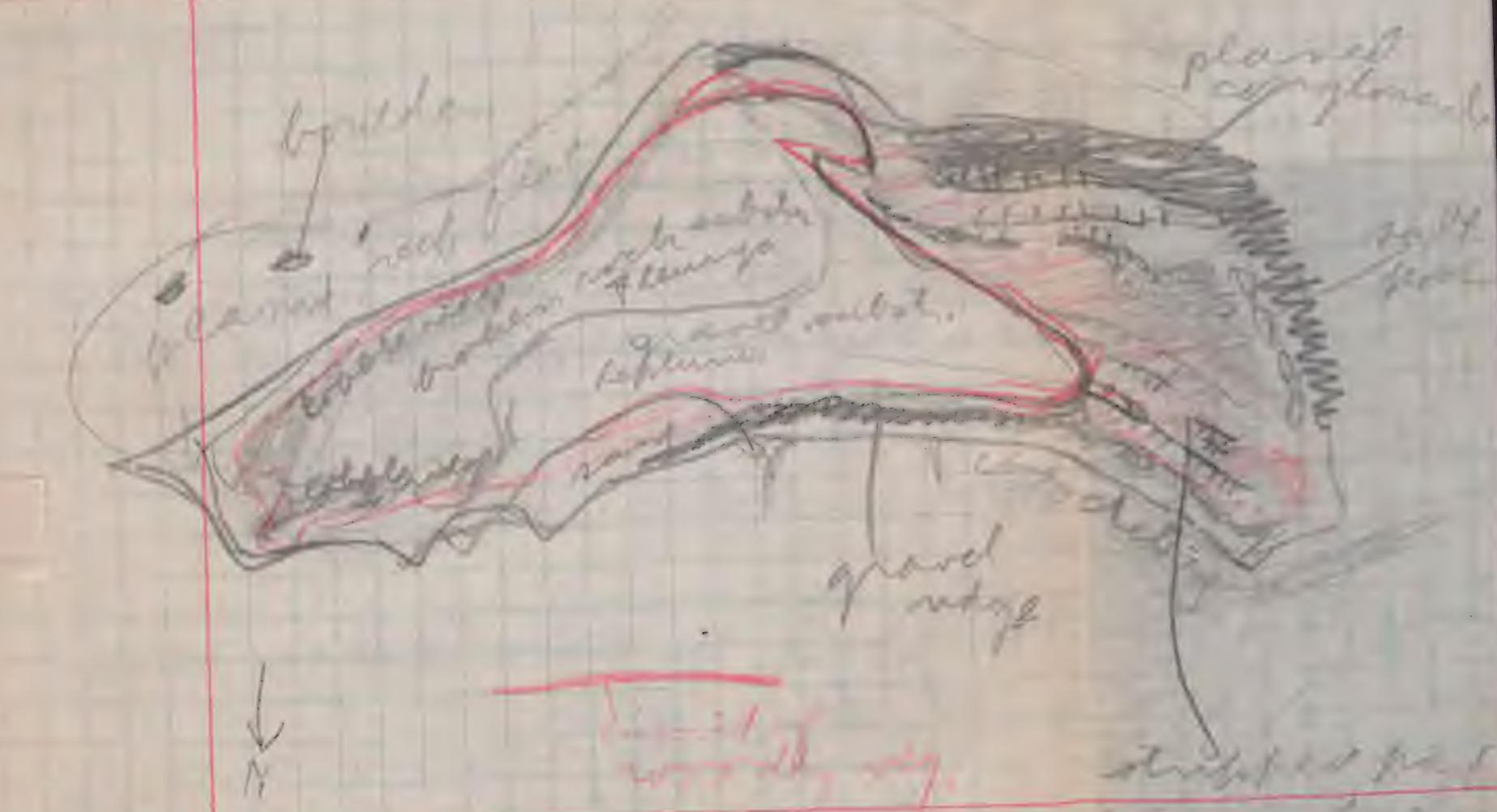
Click Islet - Take

Or ten steps -

and pebbly solution surface
in rock solution slope
solution surface
~~low tide level~~
~~at least 3, possibly
more lithothamnia~~

~~low tide level~~
coral reef
lithothamnia
two other
lithothamnia

~~at least 3, possibly
more lithothamnia~~



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is not scrubbed.

3 geckos and some eggs seen under red bark of dead messerschmidia but not caught. Skinks seen but not caught. One housefly and one bluebottle fly seen but not caught.

Otherwise no flies (of these sorts) seen on Taba at all.

thin A horizon here and there on gravelly part of a lot, filled with roots, or under *Pisonia*, peaty

Click Islet — Taba

Outer reef -

sand - pebbles - shells - white - coral - flat
with sand - beach - flat
soil - solution - surface

by waves
shattered

laminated

coral reef

low island

atoll island

coral reef

small break

some
lithothamnia

ridge

two others
lithothamnia

little coral

at least 3, possibly
more lithothamnia

some *Pisonia*,
some *Bberhavia* mats,
occasional *Portulaca*,
no *Lepturus* except very
locally in sand spots;
much bare ^{broken} rock.

The inner beach, opposite the gravel part, backed by a low gravel ridge. The lagom side of island has scrub much damaged by typhoon, with many fallen or broken trees, all pointing south; many open places, some in center very sandy; these openings in various

Wet

peach rock almost surrounds
this islet - flat away s.e.
comes to a ridge on which is covered
at medium tide, like the island mostly
by seaward ridge. This material mostly
wet and loose material mostly
dipped off several feet
beach-rock both inward and
outward dipping.
Rubble deposit in lagoon opposite
the end extending southward
eastward passage coast piles
with cobble. Less half way
along seaward coast, to about
3 m. above h.l. no sand, though not
lagoon beach back of beach rock.
has a gravel ridge with sand.
scrub middle but not caught,
scattered and one bluebottle
seen but not caught.
Wet no fish (of these sets)
on Taha atoll.
you see and there on gravelly
but filled with what,
Pisonia, peats.

The Messerschmidia
is mostly 2-3 m. tall,
with scattered trees
to 5 or 6 m. The Pisonia
is mostly in the central
and eastern part the
Baenula mostly in
the western, sandier part.

The openings, in the
gravelly part have
Lepturus, Portulaca, and
Fleurya, the latter
forming dense clumps
and patches, with
Boerhavia mats.
The openings in the rocky
part have principally
Fleurya stands,
some Boerhavia mats,
occasional Portulaca,
no Lepturus except very
locally in sand spots;
much bare rock.

The inner beach, opposite
the gravel part backed by
a low gravel ridge. The
lagoon side of island
has scrub much
damaged by typhoon,
with many fallen
or broken trees, all pointing
southwest; many open places,
some in center very sandy;
these openings in various

stages of colonization by
Lepturus and Portulaca,
from abundant seedlings
to almost closed bunch grass.

Many fallen trees
in scrub, mostly fallen
over southwestward.

Total flora (as far as observed)
Messerschmidia argentea
Lepturus repens
Flevyna undulalis
Scaevola prutescens
Portulaca lutea
Boerhaavia diffusa
Boerhaavia tetrandra
Albugo platensis
Pisonia grandis
Cocos nucifera (4 plants)
Triumfetta procumbens (?)
(one plant on lagoon beach)

Most of day thinly overcast
occasional clouds, gentle
trade-wind breeze.

Noon temperatures:

ground level in shade 92°F. + 91°F.

1 m. high in shade 86°F.

1 m. high in sun 88°, 89° F

varies with brightness of sun
and changes of strength of wind.

Clouded over at about 4 p.m.,
breeze freshened, showers in
distance.

at 5:15 p.m. temperature
1 m. from ground 82.5°F.
on ground 83.5°F.
during a light shower
temp. dropped to 77.5°F.,
after shower rose to 79°F.
dropped to 78.5° then rose
to 81°.

At 7:10 p.m. it was 81°F
At 7 a.m. (Dec. 10) it was 81°F.

This islet is one vast
tern rookery, with thousands
of sooty terns, many
Noddies (prob. both species)
and great numbers of
fairy terns, all nesting.

Gygis alba lays eggs
on the bare branches whenever
there is a knot-hole
or slight irregularity,
scattered generally
over island, young in
various stages.

Noddies make nests
of sticks and leaves,
in trees and on ground
in open & pebble flats,
on S. end of island, in trees
generally over island. Larger
brownish bird mostly seen
in trees and on ground,
smaller blackish one with

a. stolidus

a. trivittatus

whiter crown in trees.

Eggs light colored, only slightly speckled.

Sooty terns ~~nesting~~
gregarious on seaward
side of atoll, ground
locally blackened with
them, the ground under
the seaward row of
Messerschmidia bushes
scattered with their
eggs, laid on gravel
or sand with absolutely
no nest. Eggs variously
colored from grayish to
brownish, variously
mottled and speckled
with brown or dark brown.

When approached these
birds rise with deafening
clamor by thousands.

Camped on lagoon side -
at about 6:30 a.m. a great
horde of sooty terns came
circling over camp, screaming
and squawking, and
kept this up continuously
till after 7 a.m.

One flock of turnstones
on w. end of island on reef
flat and rubble bars.

Three *Sula leucogaster*
seen flying over lagoon
at 8:30 a.m. (only ones seen at Taka).

Taka - general.

No flies seen here
(except on ~~Elulu~~ which
may have come with us.)

One mosquito (*Aedes* sp.)
seen on Taka islet.

No pigate birds, no flowers.

Flora sparse - no
Thunera, no *Ipomoea*,
no weeds, no *Euphorbia*,
no *Allophylus*, no
Calophyllum, little *furiang*.

Vial 66 - material collected
by Berlese funnel from
leaf-mold from under
Pisonia trees, Elulu I.

Salvinia?

Dec. 11 anchored in lagoon
11 p.m. wet bulb 23°C . dry 28.5°C .
(this wet bulb figure may be
unreliable)

Dec. 12 anchored in lagoon
9 a.m. wet bulb 26°C dry 27.5°C .
sunny with moderate
cumulus clouds, moderate
trade wind breeze.

^{Lato}
Dec. 12 Lado Islet
4 p.m. wet bulb 27°C . dry 29°C .
sunny, clear blue
sky except for clouds
around horizon (up to 30°)
moderate trade wind breeze.

11:50 p.m. almost clear
sky, light breeze.
wet bulb 25.3°C , dry 26.5°C .

and passage
seaward, beach lined with dense
scrub composed mainly of
Scaevola, *Terminalia*, and *Guettarda*

Dec. 13 8:15 a.m. almost clear
sky, light breeze
wet bulb 25.8°C . dry 27°C .

12:05 p.m. slightly more cloudy
but still mainly blue sky,
breeze slightly stronger
wet bulb 27°C . dry 29°C .

^{Lato}

Dec. 12 - Lado Islet -
outer reef, low tide,
moonlight.
reef flat almost
devoid of life, - several
small fish, two spiny
lobsters.

Lithothamnion ridge
has large pencil-spine
sea urchins in somewhat
sheltered places.

A spectacular species
of *Parolithon* very common,
colonies spherical, up
to size of human head
of closely packed cylindric
branches.

some *Pandanus* and *Ochrosia*,
Cordia on passage beach.

3:10 p.m. same
wet bulb 26°C . dry 28°C .

10:05 p.m. sky almost cloudless
breeze very slight
wet bulb 25.3°C . dry 26.5°C .

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Dec. 12 Likiep Islet
coconut plantation west
of village

- 33779
5 on ground in path.
80 on base of coconut tree
81 on wet earth in small tea pit.

Dec. 12 Ladd Islet
scrub on passage and
~~outer~~ outer beaches.

- 82 *Ochrosia oppositifolia* (Lam.) K. Schum.
rare, in interior of scrub
83 *Terminalia samoensis* Rech.
common on outer edge of scrub
84 *Cordia subcordata* Lam.
occasional along passage beach
85 *Banisteriopsis asiatica* (L.) Kurz
drift fruit picked up on
outer beach, no trees
seen.
86 *Cladophora* sp. + *Polysiphonia* (det. Taylor 1955)
abundant in beach drift
at high tide marks

Likiep atoll

101

small tree 5-6 m. tall,
milky sap; flowers
white, very fragrant.
fruit green, old ones under tree.
shrub 1-2 m. tall; leaves
leathery; flowers fragrant;
fruit immature (fl. & fr. from
different plants).

large rounded spreading
tree with dense branching
reaching to ground, making
a small thicket of one tree;
flowers orange; fruit dry,
black when ripe.

must have drifted a long time,
judging from worn appearance
and growth of *Euglypha* on surface.

green

- 33787 *Polyporus cinnabarinus*
on dead pandanus trunk
88 *Buriania maritima*.
one plant in edge of beach scrub
on outer beach.

Dec. 13 - Ladd Islet, south end
open coconut grove, with
grassy ground cover.

- 89 *Polypodium scolopendria* Burm.
common, especially under
trees
- 90 *Digitaria microbaenia* (Presl) Horne
common, dominant locally
- 91 *Eragrostis amabilis* (L.) W. & A.
very common locally
- 92 *Hedystis biflora* (L.) Lam.
local patches

- 93 *Euphorbia chamaissinis* Boiss.
one large colony seen

- 94 *Fleurya undulata* Gaud.
common, especially on
patches of broken coral rock

Vial #²⁸ *Actinocista copropoda* from
salt water at edge of passage
beach at extreme low tide.
(in separate box, for C. Waite.)

bright vermillion,
mult. branched
large, bush 2.5 m. tall,
wet with salt spray;
flowers yellow.

rhizome horizontal,
usually buried; fronds
erect, series of intergrades
from fertile to sterile fronds.
culms weak but ascending,
spreading tufts.

prostrate, somewhat
malodorous when broken;
flowers white, corolla tube
globose, lobes little spreading;
stems ascending,
sap milky; floral
glands greenish;
stems fleshy, red.

PPM

Dec. 13 - Lado Islet, south end
 Inner third of south hook
 of islet extremely barren
 in appearance, sparse
Lepturus, *Fimbristylis*,
Triumfetta, etc. only
 luxuriance seen under
Pandanus or *Guttiferae*
 trees where seedlings
 very abundant. *Cassytha*
 mats here very sparse
 and yellow.

soil Profile #17 Taken here,
 also water sample LW-2.

This hole is 175' north of
 passage beach and 221' east
 of lagoon beach. At 1:30 p.m.
 water was stuck at 5.5'.

The hole was dug perhaps 0.5'
 deeper, in same material.

The profile has 3 layers.
 Layer 1 - 0-0.6', is of fine
 reddish gray (5YR-5½) sand
 under a pebbly surface, with
 much pebbly coral in it,
 structure friable fairly compact.
 texture - fine sand with pebbles.
~~It appears to be old soil~~. grass roots,
 and some coconut roots.

Sample 17-1

Layer 2 - 0.6-3.0' pinkish
 white to pink (5YR-8½-8¾),
 some lenses stained slightly
 grayish.

most
 coconut
 grass and
 other
 vegetation
 under
Guttiferae

structure loose, granular,
 texture sand of varying
 fineness, noted somewhat
 in lenses, with many
 water-worn pebbles
 and cobbles, mostly
 somewhat flattened,
 arranged horizontally.
 Some coconut roots.

sample 17-2
 3.0-6.0'

Layer 3 - white to pink
 (5YR-8½, 8½, 8¾) in a granular
 mixture.

structure ~~fine gravel~~ very loose.
 texture fine gravel
 with pebbles up to
 several inches across.

Sample 17-3

Water at 5.5' (at 1:30 p.m.)
 sample LW-2.

84° E. hydrometer sp. gr. 0.9992±1.
 milky in appearance,
 tastes perfectly good.
 by 5:30 p.m. water level
 had risen to 3.9'

by 10:30 p.m. it had disappeared
 completely.

8:40 next morning 4.7'

Vial #29 - animals from
 surface of ground in this sparse
 barren area. incl. 2 sp. ants.
 several shells that the ^{large} ants
 were carrying.

The center third is a transition to the outer third. The

The outer third is also coconut plantation, but not so sparse. Perhaps crown cover 40-50%. Ground cover is mostly complete except in local areas of broken coral rock (small pieces) with no sand, where *Fleurya* becomes abundant, though mostly quite dwarfed. Otherwise the background is a mixture of *Lepturus*, *Digitaria* and *Timbostylis*, locally varying in proportions. The soil here is black, less rocky.

There are large colonies of *Wedelia* and ~~a~~ of *Euphorbia chamaissensis*, smaller ones of *Eragrostis amabilis*, and especially of *Polypodium scolopendria*. Small patches of *Hedyotis biflora* very dense.

Vial 30 - insects caught sweeping the grassy ground cover.

Water sample LW-1 is from an abandoned well in this area, with little water but at least 1' of soft mud in bottom, old coconuts, leaves, etc. Strong odor of H₂S.

Sample taken at 8:40 a.m.

79°F. hydrometer sp. gr. 0.9982 Well uncased, at lowest point in general land surface but no depression to speak of.

This type of vegetation makes up almost the entire main body of the islet, with scrub forest belt along entire seaward beach, with belt of *Wedelia* just back of it, this varying greatly in width, apparently due to vicissitudes in ~~sea~~ cleaning it out. Much burning.

Low mounds of broken coral scattered along entire seaward side of islet in coconut groves. *Fleurya* grows on these. Apparently in such places only does it compete successfully with general ground cover.

Dec. 14 Lado Islet

6:10 p.m. wet 24.7°C dry 26.5°
calm scattered clouds.

Vial 31 - beetles in ripe
head of Pandanus fruit.
Drosophila seen also but not com.

Vial 32 - bees - leaf-cutters
entering and leaving
holes in old drift wood
log on outer beach.
Grasshoppers - common
in grassy ground
cover in coconut grove.

In south half of island
are longitudinal depressions
perhaps 1-1.5 m. below general
level of island. Grass
fairly luxuriant here.

One just back of seaward ridge sand.
Soil profile #18 taken here.

Layer 1 - A horizon - 0-1.3' black
to dark reddish brown or very
dark gray (5YR-2/1-2/2-3/1)

str. loose granular

tex. coarse sand and silt (?)
with much coarse gravel.
grass roots at top, coconut
roots in bottom. Sample 18-1.
gradual transition over
several inches to layer 2.

Layer 2 - 1.3'-2.5' pink (7.5YR-8/4)
str. loose granular
tex. coarse granular
sand with embedded
coral fragments up
to several inches.
few coconut roots.
~~abrupt~~
abrupt transition to layer 3.

Layer 3 - 2.5-3.9' (+ hole not
dug deeper) water at 3.5'
str. loose.

tex. fine gravel,
little included coral
material, practically
no roots.

Water sample LW-2.

tastes very fresh.

Taken at 1:13 p.m. 86°F (had
stood an hour or so after
digging finished)

sp. gr. hydrometer, 0.9974
at 87°F.

air temp. 91.5°F in shade.

Dec. 14 - Fads Islet
seaward reef, near south
end of islet
Reef flat of solution
pitted rock sloping
very gradually from
foot of seaward dipping
beach rock beds.

Rock covered almost
everywhere with a
felt of algae, rather
loose, collecting and
holding sand

Outer half of this
has circular mushroom-
like corals alive around
edges (Prites?), these
becoming abundant
near outer edge. Whole
reef possibly 150-200 m.
wide

Reef flat, seaward reef.

33795 *Caulerpa surilliana* Mont. (det. Taylor 1955)
fairly common, in full sun

96 *Jania Cladophora* sp. (det. Taylor 1955)

tangled with other fine reds

outer part

green, cells very large

97 *Valonia? ocellata?* juvenile? (det. Taylor 1955)

tangled with other algae
on outer part.

98 *Udotea indica* A. and E. S. Gepp (det. Taylor 1955)

with other small algae

tangled with Caulerpa

outer 10-15 m. is a
ridge, up to 1.5 m.
higher than bottom
of flat behind it,
of several species of
coraline algae, mainly
of compactly branching
head-like types, bright
rose-purple color; ridge
very irregular, cut
by deep surge
channels.

Just behind this
are jagged remnants
of a higher reef
surface, up to 1 m.
or even more above flat.

green, turning yellowish,
creeping, adhering closely
to rock bottom.

green, opaque

- 37799 *Laurencia? perforata* (Bory) Mont. (det. Taylor 1955) small pink tufts.
 5 common on outermost part of
- 33800 *Microdictyon okamurae* Setch. (det. Taylor 1955) flattened, curved, often nest-like; green.
 5 occasional on middle part of
- 5 01 *Riaqora* (det. Taylor 1955)
 occasional in outer part of
- 02 red *Centroceras clavulatum* (C. Ag.) Mont. (det. Taylor 1955)
 common on ^{and Polysiphonia} tufts of *Laurencia*,
Caulerpa, etc. near
 outer edge of
- 5 { 03 red ^{algae} *Centroceras*; *Cladophora* (det. Taylor 1955)
 5 { 04 green ^{algae} *Centroceras*; *Cladophora* (det. Taylor 1955)
 forming loose felt on
 reef flat, holding sand.
- on *Lithothamnion* ridge
- 1 05 ~~red~~ *Dictyosphaeria* sp. (det. Taylor 1955) bluish green
 in interstices of *Porolithon*
- 2 06 *Dictyosphaeria?* *cavernosa*
 on clumps of *Porolithon*
- 2 07 *Laurencia? perforata* (Bory) Mont. (det. Taylor 1955) dark red, terete.
- 2 08 brown *Pocockiella variegata* Lamx
 on clumps of *Porolithon*
- 2 middle part of reef flat
- 2 09 forming felt on loose cobble
 collecting sand
- Papenf (det. Taylor 1955) forming yellow-brown
 skin over *Porolithon*, closely
 adherent, like paint.

on lithothamnion ridge

- 533810 *Prolithon caspium* (Foslie) Foslie det. Doty
5 11 *Prolithon onches* (Heyd.) Foslie det. Doty (with
5 12 *Prolithon goniolithon fuscescens* Foslie
5 13 *Prolithon goniolithon* sp.
1 14 *Prolithon goniolithon fuscescens* Foslie
8 15 *Prolithon*

(33810, 11, 13 from landward side
of ridge, 33812, 14, 15 from further out)

Dec. 14 Lodo Islet, south end
in coconut grove, dry
sparse aspect.

~~at foot of~~

2 16 ~~at foot of~~
at foot of old coconut tree, on soil.

5 17 ~~at foot of~~
common, forming crust on soil,
cracking and curling up
in dry weather

moister more grassy aspect,
toward outer beach

5 18 *Pandanus tectorius* Park.
scattered in coconut grove

5 19 *Wedelia biflora* (L.) DC.
large patches, especially
along inner edge of
scrub belt of seaward ridge.
5 20 *Crinum pedunculatum* & Br.
planted and spontaneous
around ~~salt~~ dwellings and paths

533810 with goniolithon
533811 (with
533812)

Rose purple color
smooth species
toward back
of ridge

(possibly several forms
in this no. yes see Doty)

33815 E, F, I: *Prolithon gardineri* (Foslie) Foslie
P. gardineri

33815 A, D, C, G, J, P. g. f. *subhemisphaerica* Foslie
33815 H *P. sp.* (with *goniolithon* spp.)
B, *Prolithon*

forming black crust

tree 8 m. tall; fruit ripe,
fleshy part orange,
very sweet, strong
banana flavor. "kono"
herb up to 1 m. tall,
tending to be tangled;
aromatic when broken;
flowers yellow.

caespitose, up to 1 m. tall;
inner segments all white. flowers fragrant, maroon without
white within, filaments maroon

central part of island,
grassy ground cover
under coconuts.

- 33821 5 Premna obtusifolia R.Br.
a few trees in central depression
6 22 Vigna marina (Burm.) Merr.
large patch near lagoon
5 23 Hibiscus tiliaceus L.
single tree near center of
island in depression

5 24 ~~onion~~
on lower side of leaning
coconut trunk

5 25 Cleocharis obtusa (Willd.) Schult.
on bare ~~desiccating~~
mud of long-abandoned
taro pits.

5 26 drying crust on bare
muddy bottom of
long-abandoned taro pit.

2 27 on side of well depression

2 28 ~~on~~
on vertical side of well
Euphorbia thymifolia ~~but~~ ^{boggy} substrate at
around edge of well near house

5 29 Centella asiatica (L.) Urban
local, nearer lagoon beach

2 31 open edge
in ~~the~~ well, on gravel
and floating (well in use)

small bushy tree
6 m. tall aromatic
when broken
prostrate; peduncles
erect, flowers yellow.
spreading tree 8 m. tall,
branches reaching
ground; flowers yellow
with maroon center.

tufts.

yellow-green before
drying.

prostrate, purplish.
prostrate.

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1951 marshall Is.

33832 *Phyllanthus niruri* L.5 common locally around
well+ 33 sporogyns
in water of wellSoil sample #19 - peat, etc.
from upper 6" in bottom
of old, long-abandoned
taro pit. tough, dark brown,
root-filled.Two old coconut trees growing
in bottom.Bottom bare of vegetation,
except for a few tufts of
Cleodanis and an algal
skin, desiccating.
Side slopes with *Fimbristylis*,
etc.

Soil beneath peat 5-6"; gray.

This from north central
part of island. A number
of such pits more or
less identical.A few show some recent
digging, and these show
signs of bog-wallowing.Vegetation open coconut
grove with thick grass
ground cover, mainly
Digitaria, with scattered
Tacca (some tubers seen)

Rikiep atoll.

erect.

green, very slimy

harvested here), scattered
patches of *Polypodium*,
large areas of solid
Euphorbia chamaissoides,
occasional *Trumperella*,
Pandanus scattered
in grove.- *Dendrocnide**Wedelia* belt along inner
sides of seaward ridge,
inside scrub belt, in
places much wider, tangled with *coco-nut*.
Some areas show
results of burning
grass - fire apparently
originating when
piles of coconut rubbish
are burned.Central depression in south
central part has
Premna, *Hibiscus*, breadfruit
trees.Breadfruit and *Alocasia*
around regim of
dwellings in south
central part, lagoon half.

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Dec. 15

4 p.m. almost clear sky
gentle breeze
wet bulb 25.3°C dry 28°C.

6 p.m. almost clear sky,
almost calm. wet bulb 24.8, dry 26.8°C.

Central part of islet -
several water-holes -
some mosquito larvae -
Vial #33, and many
Cyclops from a well with
rotting coconuts and
leaves in it - Vial #34.

~~BB~~

north end of islet -
old tar pit just in
from passage beach - rather
recently cleaned, then
apparently abandoned
again - coconut seedlings
1 m. tall in it - Eleocharis
and Cyperus abundant.
Soil sample #20 is
much from here. The
soft material is at least

1.5' deep. sample from
top 10". pH 8 (3 tests, briny.)
This depression is
much more extensive
than the recently cleaned
part. The rest is a
thicket of Premna and
Cladodendrum.

North tip drawn out
into a finger like pro-
jection, quite narrow.
Proximal half, very open
coconut grove, grass
~~Deep~~ ground-cover,
multi Euphorbia.
Distal half with broken
undergrowth of Seacولا
becoming denser toward
tip; beach fringe complete
on seaward facing side,
hooking around perhaps
1/3 the way on the lagoon
side, sparser here.

Beach rock dipping
outward lines beach
on both sides. Near
distal end of lagoon
side is an outwardly
curved ~~area~~ area, following
for a short distance the
inward-projecting sand
spit extending from end of
point. Thus. ~~the~~

~~Malek Web~~

Dec. 15 - islet n. of Lado
surrounded by
seaweed scrub with
some *Laurina*, etc.
sparse coconut grove,
inland; with sparse
ground cover of *Fimbi-*
stylis, much bare
ground showing, with
algal crust.

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35 crust on bare soil
Fimbristylis cymosa R.B.
dominant in sparse ground-cover.

Seaward part of island
prolonged into a long
curved neck. The island
is only vegetated in the
large lagoon-ward portion.
The part of this most
seaward is only scrub,
sparse in the center.

The narrow neck is
absolutely bare, but
here and there with some
sand. The bedding of
the rock is apparently
horizontal.

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very common between tides
on solution surface
long cracks on reef surface,
irregularly intersecting,

soil sample #21
brown loose soil, at
least 18" deep.

Coconuts with almost
no inflorescences, some
of them very slender
and abnormal, mostly
healthy looking but just
not producing nuts.

tufts, leaves stiffish.

Passage between islet and
Lado has reef-rock
eroded away seaward
from lagoon in an irregular
scalloped manner,
with an undercut
shelf on inner side,
mushroom rocks.

surface mostly very deeply
pitted, tall rims around
solution pits. Part near Lado
has some loose detritus and
has sharp edges abraded
off.

brown, firmly gelatinous.

solution-eroded to V cross
section. Origin not evident.

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Dec. 15 - Lado Islet

37837 *Halimeda*

bottom of lagoon end of south paup.

38 *Halimeda*

bottom of lagoon end of south paup.

39 *Tacca leontopetaloides* (L.) Ktze
open coconut plantation.

40 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Forst.
scattered, near dwellings,
seedlings numerous under
parent tree.

41 *Thruarea involuta* (Forst.) R. & S. v
occasional in grass
ground cover.

42 *Euphorbia heterophylla* L.
common very locally, near
cemetery.

43 *Catharanthus roseus* (L.) Don v
local, in cemetery

44 ~~L~~ *Sida fallax* Walp. v
one plant seen, in coconut
grove

45 *Cyperus odoratus* L.
small colony in muddy
organic soil in old taro pit.

46 *Clerodendrum inerme* (L.) Gaertn.
thicket in old taro pit,
also along inner edge of
beach scrub.

47 *Pemphis acidula* Forst.
one tree on extreme west
point of island, on
sand-covered beach-rock.

Likiep, atoll

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gray-green, rooted in
sand.

flowers green, to filiform
bracts purple.
tree 3 m. tall, sap
milky.

prostrate, mat-forming;
flowering branches erect,
erect; bracts partly
red.

flowers white.
erect.

tangled sprawling
shrub, forming
masses up to 3 m. tall;
flowers white with
maroon stamens + style.

gnarled old tree, 2 m.
tall; ~~leaves~~ leaves
astringent; flowers
white.

- 33898 *Portulaca samoensis* v. bld.
common in thin spots
in ground cover on
gravel soil.
- ✓ 49 *Premna obtusifolia* R.Br.
local around old
taro pits and depressions,
forming thickets.
- ✓ 50 *Bryophyllum pinnatum*
local around ~~old~~
depression in
center of island.

prostrate, root tuberous;
leaves fleshy, flat;
flowers yellow.

small bushy tree
5 m. tall, lemon-scented
when broken; flowers
green; "kaai".
leaves very thick;
sterile.

Dec. 16 Libiep Islet

- ✓ 51 on surface of wet soil
in old taro pit.
- ✓ 52 *Pisonia grandis* R.Br.
a few scattered trees
in beach scrub-forest
- ✓ 53 *Jussiaea*
two plants seen in taro pit
- ✓ 54 *Paspalum vaginatum* Sw.
abundant in and around
taro pits
- ✓ 55 on dead part of Pisonia tree
in beach scrub forest
- ✓ 56 on bark of dead part of Pisonia
tree in beach scrub forest.
- ✓ 57 *Canavalia microcarpa* (D.C.) Piper
in inner edge of beach
scrub-forest.

pinkish gray, crumbly-
gelatinous.

old scraggly tree,
partly dead; sterile.

sterile; culms erect
or ascending

cream-white in col.,
darker above.

extensive vines, climbing
over trees; flowers
magenta.

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- 37858 *Russelia equisetiformis* Schlecht.
occasionally cultivated
around houses
- ~ 59 *Cyperus javanicus* Houtt.
rare around buildings,
lagoon side of island

Dec. 15 Lads Islet.

- 60 *Barringtonia asiatica* (L.) Kuntze
at top of beach
possibly from drift seed.

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on rotting coconut petioles

Vial 35 - insects picked
up around camp. Termites
had collected on bottom of
a wooden box but had
made no burrows.

Dec. 16 Libiey Islet

Vial 36 - animals found
under bark of dead part
of Pisonia tree in beach
scrub forest - lower layer.
Upper layer - coeliscal scales
found on Scaevola leaves.
Others around

Libiey Atoll

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plant caespitose,
stems arching -
procumbent; flowers red.
small tufts.

seedling 0.5 m. tall.

Vial 37 - orb weaving
spiders.

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Dec. 18 - Islet just inside
passage - sand piled
up, a few coconuts
- other trees.

Islet to rt. of passage -
^{Adams} sand dune on inner
corner next to passage.
little beach scrub
except on outer part of
passage beach, some
along seaward leads.

Islet to left. - Passage
beach well lined
with Scaevola -
seaward beach has
Scaevola fringe + rows
of Messerschmidia just
inside it. Coconuts
close to beach.

Low cliff ^(?) of rock
below seaward beach
at mid-tide (?) (9:45 a.m.)

— MacNeil brought pieces
of Russelia equisetiformis,
Catharanthus roseus
+ Euphorbia heterophylla
from ^{Adams} Enigra I

and reported a mangrove
depression, apparently
with Bruguiera, on
Jeltenet Islet.

^{Adams}

Likiep atoll.

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Viewed from sea as
ship went by.

→ south end is low scrub
for about $\frac{1}{4}$ the length
of islet, scattered
coconuts in distal half.
^{4 of the 6}
^{Adams} small islets between
this and Likiep - well
wooded, with a few
coconuts. The second
and fifth only have
low scrub.

Likiep Islet - seawards
beach with scrub
fringe, the whole
length except for
a short stretch near
w. end. The $\frac{1}{3}$ on the
east opposite the
village, is low and
sparse, seen from
the sea.

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Dec. 16 - Likiep Islet
east passage beach
has areas of shingle
with no vegetation.
Messerschmidia forest
backed by *Pandanus*
forest between shingle
and coconut plantation.
Coconut plantation
on this end of islet
has very rocky soil -
mostly broken coral.
This becomes a shallow
blackish soil further
north, then varies
to broken coral with
~~sand~~ sand that has
not much organic
matter. The ~~south~~ north
end of the islet has
partly this and
partly blackish soil.

The coconuts are at
a moderate distance
apart. The ground cover
is generally grassy -
Lepturus, *Digitaria*, and
Fimbristylis, varying
in proportions. One or
other dominant locally
but sometimes over large
areas *Euphorbia chama-*
issima becomes dominant,
almost pure stands.

Likiep Atoll

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Polypodium scolopendria
forms colonies, especially
under trees. *Wedelia*
forms patches locally,
as does *Vigna marina*
and *Canavalia micropoda*.
Trumboetta procumbens
is occasional, especially
near lagoon. *Tacca*
is occasional, especially
inland. *Cassytha*
forms mats here and there.

Pandanus is scattered
in this plantation as



of point with bare beach, rocks
& stones, mud,

Dec. 16 - Marshall Is.
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mostly broken coral.
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blackish soil further.

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T.P.O. has *Ficus* trees

Libieh atoll

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forms mats here and there.

Pandanus is scattered
in this plantation, as
are *Morinda*, *Calophyllum*,
and *Guettarda*. *Artocarpus*
is very common near
and in the village and
around dwellings, but
not directly on the
lagoon beach and not
near the seaward beach.

There are a few old
taro pits, some of which
have been cleaned out
and replanted in recent
years, but which are
mainly choked by
Asplenium vaginatum,
Cyperus odoratus, etc.
Soil very peaty or mucky.

A few plants of *Cryptosperma* are in some of the
patches, esp. those

belonging to Anton De Brun, who says that several years ago there was a revival of interest in taro culture, but that it has died down now and all pits have been abandoned but his.

Further west where the soil is poorer, the ground cover becomes very thin. *Pstulaca samoensis* becomes commoner, as does *Thunera* locally, and *Eragrostis amabilis*. There is one colony of *Rhoes discolor* established.

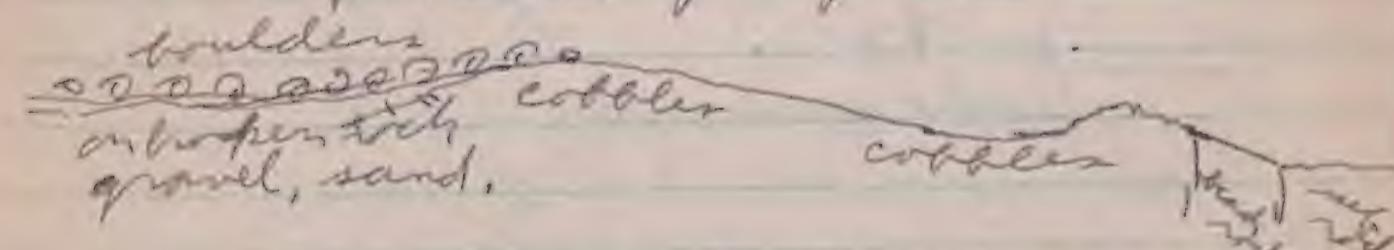
Near east passage, back of village, is a large open grassy space. Here there is better soil, not deep (1 dm. t) but bluish used at one time as a baseball diamond.

Along seaward beach, directly back of village, for at least 1/2 the length of this coast (east) there is a sparse mixed scrubby forest belt ~~at least~~ up to 30-40 m. wide. This has grassy

a rocky openings, is of *Messerschmidia*, *Acacia*, *Quettarda*, festooned by *Cassytha*. *Wedelia* forms, in places, a tangled undergrowth. A few scattered scrubby *Pisonia* trees.

Here the seaward ridge is back 30-40 m. from edge of ocean, sloping to it, but eastward developing a second lower ridge immediately back of beach; both ridges mainly of cobbles. Get a bit closer together eastward. Coconuts to top of inner ridge. Boulders abundantly scattered in plantation for at least 75 m. in from inner ridge.

General profile:



Beach rock dipping seaward all along this bed. Old and eroded.

about 200-300 m. from end of east point, coconuts cease and vegetation is mixed forest of guettarda, Messerschmidia, a few Pandanus, a few Pisonia, Scaevola undergrowth, tangled with Wedelia, all on very cobbly soil. This gets lower seaward, and ~~Scaevola~~ disappears becomes ~~Scaevola~~ scrub, then disappears about 50-75 m. from point, except as ~~Scaevola~~ somewhat follows the cobble ridge around periphery of bare areas. This bare part of point is illustrated with its complicated series of beach rock, in the accompanying drawing.

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Weeds seen:

Libieb - general.

Birds seen:

Common noddy.

Fairy terns (occasional)

Golden plover (occasional)

(Dec. 15) flock of " on reef flat at low tide

(Dec. 16) Turnstones (several small flocks seen, one of 2, bird on Libieb?).

(Dec. 15) One white reef heron (adult)

(Dec. 14) One New Zealand Cuckoo (Libieb, seaward beach)

Rats (*R. exulans*?) on both Lads and Libieb I.

Lizards - shink,

gecko (not caught)

big green

large gecko (not seen but reported by Father McCarthy)

large black shink

(not seen, reported by Father McCarthy)

Pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, humans seen on Libieb.

Jan 4: Lizards from Lads Is. Hermit crabs from Lads.

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1st Dec. 18 - at house

2:35 p.m. sky mostly overcast gentle breeze
wet bulb 27°C. dry 28°C.
8:45 p.m. bright starry sky.
calm. wet bulb 25.5°C. dry 26.5°C.

7 flock of 15 Frigates, none seen (breast white) over islet.
1 Fula sula, ~~one~~ 1 Fula leucogastra,
seen near islet.

Common noddies occasional.
Fairy tern occasional.

Birds obviously common,
judging from staining
of Pisonia leaves and ground
by guano.

Vial 38 - scorpion found in
house floor, insects caught
around light.

Jar #5 - snails found
on rocks above high
tide level - crab found
in same place. Hermit
crabs found at top
of beach. At least two
species of land-crabs.
The flat has not found

Jems I.

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land piled quite
high on east side. Here
there is much fine
gray to black pumice,
in pebbles from minute
to several inches thick
(sample #22), several
of which (sample #23)
are covered partly by a
mat of roots - not possible
to say what kind.

Two large cobbles of
a coarse black scoria,
pumice, very water-worn
also found (sample #24).

In box of jems insects -
moths that came to
light. Also snail
shells found at edge
of sea-shore fringe at
top of beach.

far from beach, the
thin purple ones found
anywhere on island.
Lizards, shrikes, very
common, especially
around house, mostly
on ground.

Undisturbed beach showed 44 turtle tracks, fresh enough to still show footprints, indicating that at least 22 turtles had come up to the top of the beach to lay eggs. ~~Holes~~ Depressions in the ground indicated where eggs had been deposited! (Photos of tracks)

Went out at 2 a.m. found only two new tracks, found the turtle that made them heading back toward the sea. turned him over to be photographed in the morning. He was very large and heavy, measured over 30" across and 4' from nose to tip of tail (head withdrawn in).

No new tracks in the morning.

Dec. 19 -

Vial # 40 - larvae with cases were on decaying coconut leaves forming side wall of porch of house, common. Ants on Phyllanthus mirui plants (same sp. as in Vial 39). Orb-weaving spiders between young coconut seedlings, Pisonia seedlings, etc.

Dec. 19 - mostly cloudy
frequent showers
sun for short periods
almost calm,
wet bulb 27.5°C. dry 28.3°C.

broken cloud, moderate
breeze
wet bulb 26°C dry 27°C.

Pisonia grove - extends
in a narrow belt along
the west side of the
island on the high
ridge back of the beach.

Trees 60-70' tall, to up
to test ~~over~~ 13' circumference
breast high (large branch
below this on one measured);
8-20' apart, canopy
almost complete, no
undergrowth except
~~Pisonia~~ Pisonia root sprouts.

Ground rock stained
with guano.

soil profile #25. (partial profile)

3 layers - 2', not dug deeper.

Layer 1 - dark reddish

brown (5YR-3/2-2/2)^{peat} 0-0.5'

structure - tough but very

friable when crushed.
texture - very fine peat
but with many roots.
pH 6.5 sample 25-1.

Layer 2 - ^{0.5-0.8'} matrix very
dark gray-brown (10YR-3/2)
grains soluble (10YR-8/2)
structure - weakly cemented,
some parts can be crushed
by strong pressure from
fingers.

texture - cemented
coarse sand, forming
a soft rock. pH 7

Layer 3 - 0.8-2' + (hole not
dug deeper), very dark
brown (10YR-2/2) with
tiny white grains.
structure - loose.

texture - sandy loam
with gravel, becoming
more mucky toward.
pH 8.

another partial profile #26

Layer 1 - 0-1' - dark reddish
brown peat (5YR-2/2-3/2)

structure - friable

texture - fine powder
with many roots.

pH 4.5 (3 tests known)

sample 26-1

Underlain by a coarse ~~coarse~~
mud of fragments of a
cemented material

with a very dark brown (10YR-2/2) matrix and white grains.
Sample 26-2 located not far from #25

The ~~dark~~ material in the second layer of these samples may well be cemented by phosphate. It seems characteristic in and immediately around the *Pisonia* grove.

At the north end the *Pisonia* grove has a grass ground cover.

Vial 39 - around roots and in depression at in base of *Pisonia* - ants had nest in this depression about 0.3 m. above ground. sting and bite viciously. Isopods in same depression and in litter on forest floor. Pupillid mostly on ~~dead~~ pieces of rock that seems to be the phosphate cemented material of samples 25-2 + 26-2. Tornatellinids on dead *Pisonia* leaves and twigs in depression on trunk. Orbis on ground.

Coconut grove - rather closely planted but with some sparser spots.

Ground cover of Lepturus, Grumetta, etc.

Soil profile #27 (partial profile)
0-3' from layers
Layer 1 - black (10YR-2/1)
0-0.7' pH 8 (true)
Structure - crumbly.
Texture - fine "silty" & with some gravel,
grass roots, some
coconut roots. Sample 27-1

Layer 2 - black (10YR-2/1)
with conspicuous white
grains. 0.7-1.1'
Structure - loose rubby.
Texture - mixture of
"silt" and fragments,
coconut roots.

Sample 27-2.
Layer 3 - salt + pepper
mixture of dark gray
(10YR-4/1) and light brown
gray (10YR-6/2) 1.1-2.4'
Structure - loose.

Texture - loamy sand.
Layer 4 - very pale brown (10YR-8/3)
2.4'-? hole not dug deeper.
Structure - loose
Texture - very coarse sand.

Coconut grove on ~~sides~~
west side, adjoining
Pisonia grove, also
where house is situated,
has a great many
Carica papaya in second
story, along with a few
Pandanus. *Tacca* is
common; *Canavalia*
local, weeds such
as *Eragrostis*, *Cenchrus*,
Euphorbia prostrata, etc.
local. Most of second
story (or an intermediate
story bet. second and
ground cover, is of
great numbers of coconut
seedlings about 2 m.
tall (to tips of leaves). A
few trees of several years
age, most rather tall.
Many nuts on tall ones.

About the house is a
veritable weed - patch -
Cenchrus abundant, *Digitaria*
also, *Euphorbia hirta*, *Carica*,
Phytalis, *Phyllanthus*
nigrum, and various
obviously planted species,
incl. *Artocarpus*, *Clitoria*,
Clerodendrum incisum,
Pseuderanthemum, *agave*,

Many common noddy
seen flying overhead.
Some fairy terns, one or
two boobies, and in
evening, several frigate birds.

Vial 41 - ants on *Morinda*
leaves.. Larva on *Pisonia*
tree. Spiders on beach.
& *Blattid* on ground in opening under
Boehmeria.

Vial 42 - insects on
small staminate
Carica papaya
inflorescences.

Curculionidae on *Scaevola*
leaves - these with
tissue very seriously
eaten away in spots.
Coccinellids also on *Scaevola*
leaves. Blue Chrysomelid
in fungi under bark of
standing dead coconut tree.
~~Moths in old weaooci's~~

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- Dec. 19 - in coconut grove around house.
- 33862 *Agave sisalana* Pers. ✓
a few plants around house
- 3 63 *Triumfetta procumbens* Forst.
very common in ground cover.
- 6 64 *Lepturus repens* (Forst.) R. Br.
very common in ground cover, pure stands ~~occurred~~
locally.
- 2 65 *Plumeria rubra* L.
planted around house
- 2 66 *Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum* (L.) Bull. (Fam.)
carrithorii van
planted around house
- 2 67 *Cleodendrum inerme* (L.) Gaertn.
planted (?) near house
- 5 68 *Cenchrus echinatus* L.
abundant, especially near houses
- 5 69 *Phyllanthus niruri* L.
abundant, especially near houses
- 6 70 *Digitalis microbaena* (Presl) Hem.
abundant in ground cover.
- 2 71 *Calophyllum inophyllum* L.
planted around house.
(also seen as germinating beach drift).
- 5 72 *Physalis angulata* L. ✓
common weed, especially near house.

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sterile rosette; leaves green, very fleshy.
main stem prostrate,
branches ascending;
flowers yellow, opening
at about 4 p.m.

tangled mats from
prostrate rhizomes and
erect branches.

small tree, flowers
to cream white with
yellow inside, fragrant.
small tree 4 m. tall;
leaves purple beneath,
dark green above; sterile.
small thicket; sterile.
ascending to erect.

erect, up to 1 m. tall.

gravelly cut-back area.
tree; sterile.

extensive sprawling
herb; flower pale yellow,
slightly reddish in throat.

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- 37873 *Euphorbia hirta* L.
common around house
- ; 74 *Euphorbia prostrata* Ait.
very local in sparse places
in ground cover.
- 6 75 *Eragrostis amabilis* (L.) W. & A.
occasional patches
in ground cover, especially
in interior.
- 5 76 *Cleusine*
occasional clumps in
openings

Dec. 20 - same

- 2 77 *Tacca leontopetaloides* (L.) K. & R.
common in ~~plantations~~
coconut grove
- 5 78 *Morinda citrifolia* L.
common in grove
- 5 79 *Boerhavia*
common generally
- 5 80 *Fleurysta undulalis* (Lam.)
common locally in rocky
areas in center of island.
- 5 81 *Boerhavia*
very local in openings.
- 2 82 *Carica papaya* L.
very common on west
side of island in coconut
grove.

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sprawling at base,
erect at tip.

prostrate, purplish.

spreading tufts.

clumps, almost erect.

acaulescent, leaves
and scapes erect.shrub 3-4 m. tall; leaves
glossy; flowers white,
fragrant; fruit white.
forming large mats;
flowers pink.
erect stems green,
fleshy.prostrate, green;
flowers pink.
erect single-stemmed
herb with great rosette
of leaves, flowers
cream-white.

Pisonia grove along west side - in open parts toward south end Lepturus in places forms a ground cover. Small colony of Cordia near beach. In south part Messerschmid is becoming common, some of trees almost as tall as the Pisonia.

One Pisonia has several booby nests in it and quite an accumulation of guano under it.

Soil profile 28 taken here.
Layer 1 - 0-0.4' very dark brown (10YR-2/2) pH 5.0 (2 tugs test)
str. tough friable when worked
tex. fibrous, root-filled.

Sample 28-1
Layer 2 - 0.4-0.7' color variable light and brown granular, averaging yellowish-brown (10YR-6/4) pH 8

Structure - weakly consolidated, crumbling under strong pressure from fingers
texture coarse sand, cemented.

Layer 3 - 0.7-? very dark gray-brown (10YR-3/2) pH 8 with light grains
structure granular

Profile
28-1
28-2

texture - loamy sand.
sample 28-3

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- 33383 *Cordia subcordata* Lam.
 5 small colony ~~is~~ at seaward
 edge of grove, others seen elsewhere.
 c 84 ~~lvs~~
 on bark of ~~Pisonia~~ Pisonia.
 c 85
 on bark of Pisonia.
 5 86 *Messerschmidia argentea* (L.) J.Th.
 at top of beach at edge
 of Pisonia forest, fairly
 common in forest, especially
 toward south end.

Scaevola scrub on
 south end of island
 5 87 *Scaevola frutescens* (Willd.) Kr.
 dominant in.

Low forest 3-5 m. tall,
 principally *Scaevola*,
 but with occasional
 much larger *Messersch-*
midia trees. No ground
 cover. Surface scattered with pebbles.
 Soil profile 79 -

~~Layer 1~~ Layer 1 0-0.5'
 pale brown (10YR-6/3) ^(sample)
 structure - very loose
 texture - sand sample 751
 Layer 2 - very pale brown (10YR-8/3)
 structure - very

This area about 1 m. a more

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tree 6 m. tall; dry fruits
 only.

tree 5 m. tall (others up
 to 15 m.); ~~fls~~ leaves
 fleshy; flowers white.

small tree, leaves
 bright green; flowers
 and fruit white.

Layer #1 ^{0-0.5'}
 salt + pepper,
 averaging pale brown (10YR-4/3)
 becoming lighter downward
 structure - very loose
 texture - sand, some rocks.
 sample 79-1. gradually
 changing to

Layer #2 ~~0-0.5'~~ 0.5-2' + (rocks
 become so abundant at 2' as
 to obstruct digging.)
 structure - very loose
 texture - sand with pebbles
 + cobbles.

Below level of ^{coconut} ground
 plantation

coconut grove, just
inside Pisonia grove.

33883 *Canavalia microcarpa* (D.C.) Piper
common locally

Open ground toward
east part of island;
openings covered by trumpet
and Solanaceae mats,
broken by large Scandala
bushes, some patches of *Sextius*.

✓ 89 *Cassytha filiformis*, L.
rare, forming mats,
parasitic on *Sextius*

✓ 90 *Sporadix tuba* (Schlecht.) Don
common in openings and
on bushes surrounding

This area is of sand,
apparently blown
over the tops of the
east coast jungle ridge.
Soil profile #30 -
Layer 1 - 0-0.6' fine soil + pebbles
darker grains very dark gray brown
(10YR-3/2), light ones pale brown

small areas where phosphates
cemented rock forms surface
must have been sites
of trees with many
bird nests before clearing,
which have lost the
peat layer. (sample #31, 332)
vine climbing on
shrubs and spreading
over ground; flowers
pink with very ~~so~~ pleasant
fragrance.

This area formerly
covered by coconuts, as
rotting trunks and
some standing dead ones
common. Small clumps
of young trees.

stems green;
fruit pale green, not
quite ripe.

vine trailing on ground;
flowers white.

(10YR-6/3)

structure very loose.
texture loamy sand
sample 30-1 changes
gradually to
Layer 2 ^{0.6-1.4'} very pale brown
(10YR-7/3-8/3). structure very loose.
texture sand, changes suddenly

depth
30"

rather abruptly to
Layer 3 1.4-3' (evidently,
a buried A horizon) very
dark gray brown (10YR-3/2)
with mixture of variously
lighter grains, general
effect (10YR-4/2).

structure compact but
very crumbly-granular.
texture loamy coarse sand
texture becoming somewhat
coarser, structure looser
and color lighter below the
top 0.5'. Sample 30-3

Layer 4 - ~~sample 3'~~ - ?
pink (7.5YR-3/4)

structure very loose
texture coarse sand
with some gravel.
(hole dug no deeper)

Messerschmidia - heaovola
forest on east side -
thick forest little or no
ground cover - filled
with dead & living
leafless branches & sticks
in open places some
low growth. Terminalia common.

33891 *Terminalia samoensis* Rech.
common, especially in
open places.

Dec. 20 - to 10:45 p.m.
broken clouds, moderate
breeze, light shower
in progress
wet bulb 25.5° dry 25.5°.

Dec. 21 2:45 p.m.
sky mostly cloudy.
occasional periods of
sunshine. fresh breeze.
wet bulb 27.3° dry 28°.

Vial 43 - animals found
in leaf-mold in mixed
forest on sandy soil.

Vial 44 animals found
associated with
Messerschmidia. Caterpillars
eating leaves & flowers,
cocoon on bark (obviously
same as caterpillars); small
ants in complex galleries
in dead stub of large tree.

Ind. Remainder on top surface of
fallen living tree, in decaying
depression filled with dead leaves
shrub 1 m. tall (others to
3 m.); all seen sterile.

Dec. 2, - Mixed forest on north side of island, on dune sand.

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1 on dead Messerschmidia stub.

3 93 *Trentepohlia*

on Messerschmidia bark, esp. where exposed to spray-laden winds.

6 94 *Achyranthes velutina* H. & A.
in undergrowth inside beach ridge

5 95 *Pisonia grandis* R.Br.
common component inside beach ridge

1 96
on dead Messerschmidia twig.

scrub on s. point of island

9 97 *Guettarda speciosa* L.
very few plants

5 98 *Pisonia grandis* R.Br.
dominant in forest on ridge back of beach

2 99 *Cocos nucifera* L.
planted over most of island

orange-color

spreading herb, up to 0.8 m. tall, several m. across; flowers rose-purple. tree 18 m. tall, bark cream-white, leaves light green; flowers green.

shrub 2.5 m. tall, flowers white, fragrant; ripe fruit white, sweet but with bitter after-taste.

tree 12 m. tall, fruiting cymes dry, mostly detached.

young tree, trunk 2 m. tall, leaf 17' long, specimen taken from center, concave side of leaflets down.

Dec. 22 - 12:15 p.m.

Broken clouds, fresh breez
Wet bulb 28°C., dry 30°C

6:10 P.M. clear except for uneven
~~light~~^{light} cirro-stratus moderate breez
wet bulb 25°C. dry 26.2°C

33900 *Pandanus tectorius* Park.

near house (probably planted)

2 01 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Fosb.
one plant planted near
house

02 ~~fungi~~

on base of dead coconut
tree

03 *Auricularia*

common under and protruding
from bark of old standing
dead coconut trunks.

Vial 50 - snails, isopods, spider
on under side of phosphate (?) rock
in coconut plantation (note single
different snail - bright orange color)

Vial 45 - orb weavers in
forest and scrub generally;
moth in orb weaver's web;
Lepisma and cricket on
~~Messerschmidia~~ under
dead bark. Grasshoppers
caught around lights.

Vial 49 - Thysanoptera (?) inside
bracts of ♀ *Pandanus tectorius*
inflorescence.

tree 6 m. tall,

sapling 2.5 m. tall,
sterile.

tan-color, friable,
no definite form.

dull pinkish purple a
mauve, when young
and fresh, protruding
parts dry; crumpled
appearance natural.

Vial 46 - Caterpillar on
Phyllanthus niruri
(also seen on *Scaevola*).

Small insects on Lepturus.
From sweeping.

Vial 47 - on phosphate
rock in Picnic forest -
snails, etc. ^{small beetles on rock} ~~small beetles on rock~~
ripe Pandanus fruit

Vial 48 - caterpillar on ~~rock~~
ground in open under
^{small beetles on decaying leaf litter}
Berthiera. ^{small beetles on decaying leaf litter} Larger beetles around light.

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sample #33 - phosphatic rock, from large pieces exposed on surface in coconut grove, in various stages of weathering - some seemingly very bad.

sample #34 surface scraping from under dead leaves under ~~large~~ tall *Leavesia* scrub in open area on east side of island.

sample #35 - screenings from under *Pandanus* tree in coconut grove.

sample #36 - screenings from under *Pisonia* tree in mixed *Pisonia* - *Messerschmidia* forest on east side of island.

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3 on base of large *Pisonia* tree in *Pisonia* grove, on corky cracked bark

5 05 *Pandanus tectorius* Park. in mixed forest along north coast.

5 06 *Pandanus tectorius* var. inner edge of mixed forest, east coast

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Jems?

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sample #37 - drift seeds & fruit from beaches. - *Barringtonia asiatica*, *Mucuna* 2 sp.

All soil and rock samples from Jems were soaked with sea-water on return to ship.

Vial #52 - orb-weaving spiders, both in same web, ~~is~~ between two coconut seedlings. Flies around fallen *Pandanus* fruit, near house. Not numerous enough to be annoying.

greenish black

tree 6 m. tall, fruit still hanging on tree, but dry; flower surrounded by green-tipped white bracts.

tree 8 m. tall, fruit ripe, yellow at base, edible, sweet, fragrant.

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on ground where water
drips from rain barrel

Jems is egg-shaped,
about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long (from Par. Dot.)

The reef flat is narrow,
perhaps 50 m wide, on the
west side wide, on the
northwest and north,
on the ~~south~~^{north} east extending
3 miles or more as a long
reef of irregular
width, on the south east
about same width as
on north west, on south
projecting almost the
length of ~~to~~ the island
as slow water (observed
from color of water, also
from ~~area~~ aerial photo.)

~~Observe~~ The long
reef extending east
shows most peculiar
cross-channels on the
photograph, possibly
a reticular arrangement
of surge channels.

During the time of our
visit there was a heavy
surf all along the north
side of this reef, none at
all on the east side.

The island, proper, is
almost completely
surrounded by a
beach-rock or calcarenous
sandstone, in all places
dipping seaward,
and where the contact
could be seen, resting
on, and pinching out on,
the reef-rock. One
exposure shows a
wedge-shaped bed of
conglomerate with small
water-washed pebbles
between the sandstone
and the conglomeratic or
breccia-like reef-rock.
This section was thus:



Only on the south end
of the south-east coast
does this rock protrude
at all above high-tide.
Here the crest is possibly
a foot or two above high-
tide, with a trough behind

it, toward the ~~south~~ island. The weathering of this rock is apparently a combination of solution and abrasion by the load of pebbles and coral fragments that is washed back and forth by the waves. The resulting pattern is a combination of pits that have become small potholes^(photo) and channels that have rather rounded bottoms; the sharp edges of normal pittings are in most places worn down by abrasion. Possibly the texture of the rock, a hard coarse ~~as~~ coral sandstone, may contribute to this effect.

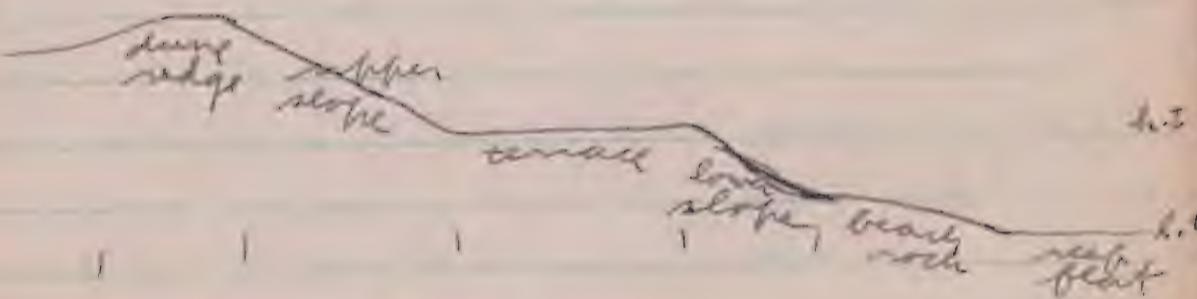
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The beach a small
part of nearly all the island,
above the beach-rock, is
of fine white sand,
with a rather steep
slope between beach-rock
and high-tide mark:
at high tide it usually
forms a terrace of varying
width, bordered on the
west side. Above this
it slopes up to the dune
ridge. Roughly this profile
(with variations in width)



Around the south-east
point the slope above the
beach-rock is a cobble-
beach extending up to
the general level of this
end of the island, about
2 m. above high tide. No
noticeable ridge here, or
only a slight one toward
west end of cobble beach.

These cobbles are very much
water-worn. Among them
on the east beach, slightly
north of the middle, is a

light deposit of pebbles
and cobbles extending
for a short distance on
the upper slope of the
sand beach. Here were
found two cobbles of a
black series a heavy
grain, very coarse
grained but doubtless
light enough to float.
Much fine-grained
gray to almost black
grain in the sand
here, tiny bits to pebbles
the size of a fist.

Around the entire
remainder of the island
is a low ridge, varying
from 4 to 5 m. in elevation
above high-tide mark.

On the east and north
coasts this ridge is of
dune-sand, falling
away as much as 7-8'
to the flat within. On the
west side it is probably
fundamentally dune
sand, but has been
greatly modified (see next p.).
On this side it is being
very slowly cut away
by wind or waves. In the
windward side it seems

to be building up.

On the ~~south~~ west side this ridge is covered by *Pisonia* forest 60-75' tall, of trees of varying size, up to 4' diameter breast high. The canopy is most places is complete, resulting in no ground cover, except where light comes in from the sides. Where light can get in at all there is a luxuriant loose mat of *Lepturus repens*. There are a few cordia trees at the edges of this forest, and toward the ends *Messerschmidia* becomes common, in places as much as 60' tall and 2.5' in diameter. These *Pisonia* trees are the nesting sites of numerous *Sula sula* (red-footed booby), also roosting places, at least, for *Fregata min.*, noddies, and fairy terns. The surface of the ground is in many places much stained by white guano. It is composed of a layer, several inches thick of peat with ^{weaker} a strongly acid reaction (pH 6.5-4.5).

This is underlain by a cemented layer of coarse sand a fine rubble, the matrix being dark brown, probably phosphate leached from the guano. This is underlain by dark gray or black sandy loam. The phosphatic and loam layers are pH 8. This belt of forest is 30-40 m. wide.

Forward from this, to the center of the island, is coconut plantation, very healthy and luxuriant, with ^{black loam soil} a discontinuous layer of this same phosphatic rock ~~just below~~ on the surface, in places concentrated on the surface in low mound-like accumulations. This area probably marks the former extent of the *Pisonia* forest.

This coconut grove has a ground cover of *Lepturus*, thin in rocky places (see above), in these *Fleurya* is common, also *Borreria*, which occurs here and there. Locally, *Triumfetta procumbens* dominates, also fair sized areas of

Digitaria microbaudia,
smaller patches of
Cenchrus echinatus,
(especially near house)
and *Physalis angulata*.
There is a ~~second~~^{second} story
of seedling coconuts about
1-2 m. tall, in places very
dense; apparently no copra
has been made here recently.
A discontinuous third story
3-5 m. tall is made up
of ~~the~~ *Caries papaya*, with
some *Morinda citrifolia*
and occasional *Pandanus*.
Large patches of this
undergrowth are tangled
with *Canavalia microlarpa*,
forming a loose mat on
the ground and covering
slimbs and low trees.

Around the house, which
is in a tiny clearing in
this grove, is a collection of
weeds, mostly (but not all)
attenuating in all ~~sides~~
directions from the house.

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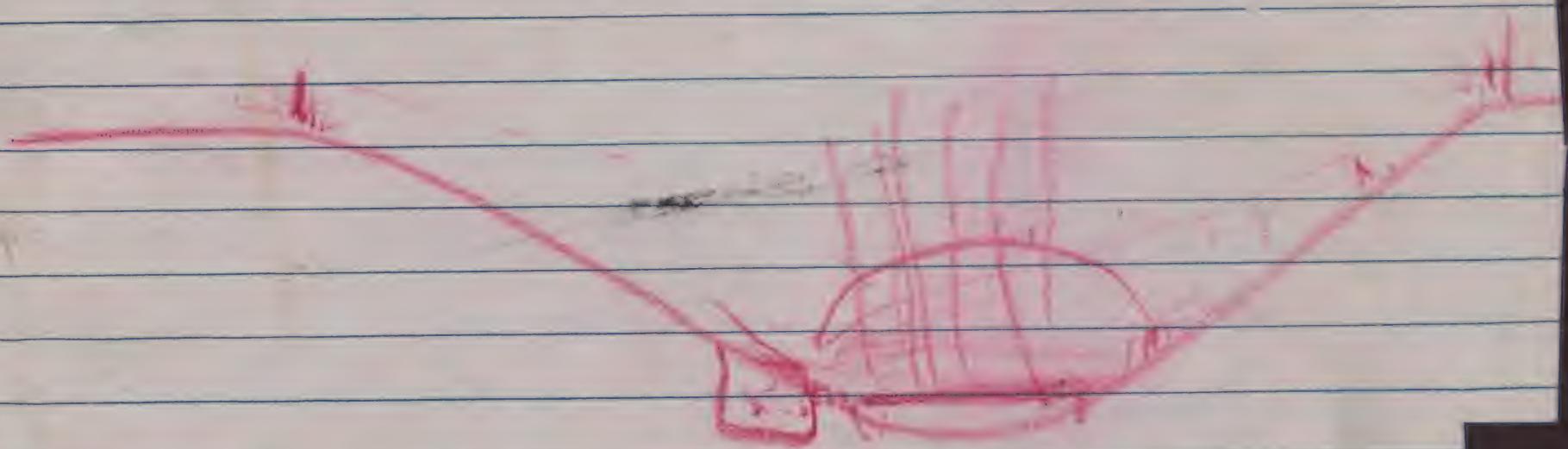
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Enagothis annabilis

1/3 way up C side

Mangrove in depression.



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coconut grove, while *Euphorbia prostrata* and *Cleusine indica* (a gigantic form, reaching 4' or more tall) are only found occasionally away from the house in the interior. *Tacca* is common to occasional generally. Around the house *Plumeria rubra*, *Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum*, *Agave sisalana*, *Artocarpus altilis* (one sapling), and *Clerodendrum inerme* are planted.

To the eastward the coconut grove seems to be in much less healthy condition. East of the middle of the island the majority of mature coconut trees are dead, the trunks mostly still standing. Young trees with trunks 3-6 a ' tall are locally common, often a ring of them ~~surrounding~~ surrounding a standing dead trunk or marking a fallen one. The ground is mostly covered by a thick mat, knee deep, of

Triumfetta procumbens, or, locally, Boerhavie. This area is much more extensive than the almost bare area showing on the 1944-45 photos. *Sciaevola frutescens* is coming in very vigorously, and locally, especially in the region bare in 1944, there are large, spreading, low-dome-shaped clumps of *Messerschmidia*. Mats of Boerhavie are occasional and one of Cassytha was seen (mostly parasitic on Lepturus). A very definite succession seems to be taking place here. When the old coconuts die, Lepturus is left as a ground cover. It is rapidly crowded out by *Triumfetta* which becomes dominant and much more luxuriant than I have seen it elsewhere. Locally mats of Boerhavie manage to hold their own. *Sciaevola frutescens* is rapidly invading and spreading, forming a series of confluent mound-shaped plants, up to 3 m. or more high. The branching is of a horizontal terminaloid type with long upright

a ascending branches — ~~Fig. 11~~, the branches making a dense tangle and the rosettes of leaves forming a complete canopy surface. The *Triumfetta* rapidly thins out, dies and disappears completely, leaving no ground cover at all. Obviously the young coconuts will soon assume general dominance over most of this area. Some of it, especially where bare spots existed in '44-'45, has no coconuts, as yet. The soil in this half of the island is pure fine sand with some humus. It probably blows inward continuously from the windward beach. There are some rather prominent mounds in the open parts toward the east.

The dune ridge to the north of the Pisonia grove, and on around the east side of the island, is covered by a mixed forest of *Messer-*

schmidia and *Pisonia*, the former alone on the outer edges, the latter becoming important inward, and down off the dune ridge for some meters inward on the flat. Where this forest is tall it is open beneath and where really dense it lacks ground cover and undergrowth.

Toward the beach side it becomes tangled with low *Messerschmidia* branches and plants. *Terminalia samoensis*, and *Achyranthes splendens*, and *Ledebouria* occur here. In the inner edge of the belt, on the western half, there is a dense belt of young coconut trees, at present 3-4 m. tall, to top of leaves. Eastward this is replaced by dense *Sciaevola* scrub with some *Messerschmidia*.

Toward the south *Sciaevola* becomes more important in the mixed forest, the belt becomes wider and of lower stature. Within the curve of the cobble-beach ~~island~~ flat is covered entirely by a mixed scrub, principally

Sciaevola, but with many *Messerschmidia* and few *Guettarda* plants. The *Messerschmidia* extend above the level of the scrub. The edge of this tapers off to the top of the cobble beach, where there is some bare sand with *Septeumus* and *Triumfetta*. The outer edges of the mixed forest on the dune ridge, also have *Triumfetta* and an irregular turf of *Septeumus* in open places.

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This is shown by large trees standing up on stilt like roots, with small ones growing on the beach flat between them, some of the large ones in tipped outward positions, and by protruding and undercut beds of phosphate rock.

In the scrub on the south end, cobbles and boulders are abundant ~~are~~, becoming

less so inward. On the southwest the inner edge of this scrub is marked by a rounded change in level of about 7-8' upward to the coconut grove, the trend being slightly north of east. This seems to disappear inland. Along it, on the coconut grove side, 75 m. or more from the beach, are boulders, including a couple of slabs of beach-rock fully 13 sq' in area and a foot or so thick.

Salt spray was observed to be blowing inward in noticeable amounts from the windward (east) side. Chlorosis was only noted in weeds such as *Euphorbia heterophylla*, *Phyllanthus niruri*, and *Carica papaya*, and this only around the house in the open clearing, and to a slight extent generally in *Physalis*, also slightly in *Clerodendrum*.

Some chickens exist on the island, their scratching being quite evident. They are not many. No rats or evidence of rats, were seen. Skinks are common, especially around the house, but no other lizards were seen. Birds noted were

Red footed booby - nesting in numbers

Brown booby - one seen flying, for certain.

Frigate birds (*Fregata minor*) - at least 15 seen flying at me.

Fairy tern - quite common.

Common noddly - quite common

White crowned noddly - several seen but identity not absolutely certain.

Golden plover - one seen positively, one doubtfully (at a different time, may have been same)

What looked like two owl pellets were being chewed on by hermit crabs.

Turtles apparently visit the island at low tide when the moon is practically full. Tracks of at least 23 individuals were found, comparatively fresh, leading directly up across the beach to the edge of the vegetation, usually ending in a hole several feet across, either at the edge of or inside the vegetation, scooped in the sand.

The one turtle found was caught at 2 a.m., tide very low, moon bright. It was a powerful animal, dragging itself across the rough rocks quite rapidly, heading back toward the sea. When turned over it struggled for a little, then calmed down, emitting a sighing "ah'h" sound and tears running from its eyes (my companion's observation). Next morning it was lying quietly but struggled violently when disturbed. After being photographed, it was

released and lost little time in reaching deep water. It was mottled dark olive drab above, yellowish below. Its mouth was a hard triangular beak with sharp jagged edges. It did not attempt at any time to bite. Its front flippers were long and broadly sword shaped, the hind ones short and broadly spatulate, tail short, triangular.

Digging for eggs in a number of fresh holes was completely unsuccessful. Always undisturbed roots were found a little below the bottom of the hole. The eggs were finally found, in a small hole, about 2' deep and a foot or less in diameter, under the broad pile of sand thrown out of the large hole. There were 106 of them, closely packed. They were round, white, about the size of

golf balls, with smooth, dull surface, a translucent spot on one side where the yolk rested. The shells ~~were~~ were only slightly calcified denting on contact with other eggs or with fingers. The whites were completely non-viscous and did not coagulate on cooking. The yolks were yellow and soft. When cooked they resembled a cheese omelette or an over-cooked welsh rabbit in both taste and consistency.

The ground and the *Lepturus* turf at the edges of the forest were considerably disturbed by the holes dug by the turtles.

Other than birds, crabs are the most evident animals. The burrows of the common purple land crab are found all over the island. The crabs are seldom seen during the day. Burrows of the broad flat gray or olive shore crab are common above high tide

mark and ~~at~~ the edge of the forest. The common colored shore crab forages above high tide mark. Two species of hermit crabs are very common inland. The whitish one with purple bands across ~~its~~ its legs is common. It seems to forage principally on the ground, and a group of them will be found around anything even possibly edible. The larger red species, usually inhabiting Turbo shells, while sharing the habits and diet of its neighbor, also climbs ~~the~~ shrubs at least to a height of 2 m. It was often seen in bushes but it was not evident what it was after. A favorite food for both kinds seems to be *Pandanus* fruit, the pulp of which is eaten soon after the fruit falls.

Insects are quite evident, but not very abundant. The common atoll butterfly (*Hypolimnas bolinae*?) is common in two color phases. The speckled day-flying moth ~~to 000~~ is very common in openings. Smaller moths are commonly scared up when walking through openings, also attracted to light. Three large flies are common around the house, including the common housefly. At least one species of *Drosophila* is found around overripe papayas and *Pandanus* fruits. Small beetles (*Nitidulidae*?) are found also here. They range from tiny light brown to larger brown and much larger black individuals.

A fair-sized weevil is found on *Scorzoletta*, eating holes in the leaves, also (or a similar one) on the male flowers of *Canna*.

A green lepidopterous larva eats *Pisonia* leaves,

in places giving the trees a ragged appearance. Another, resembling a cut-worm, is found here and there on seed plants. Still another, a hairy black one, eats leaves and flowers of *Messerschmidia*.

At least 4 species of ants are common - a large black stinging one with great mandibles living in cavities around bases of *Pisonia* trees, foraging generally; the "crazy ant" living in burrows in the ground; a tiny brown one in galleries in dead stubs of *Messerschmidia*; and a small blackish sluggish one found under stones, logs, etc. in humus.

At least two Hemiptera and ~~two~~ leaf hoppers are common on *Lepturus*.

An elaterid was found, but not caught, in a hollow dead twig. Another commonly came to lights. Two coccinellids were

occasional on leaves
leaves.

A lepidopterous (?) larva
which builds cylindrical
paper-like cases up to 7-8 mm
long is very common on
dead coconut leaves, bark
of trees, etc.

A very active earthworm
is occasionally found in
humus, even on top of logs,
also seen in soil ~~or~~ in
coconut plantation.

Orb-weaving spiders
of perhaps two species
are very common, spinning
webs between bushes,
coconut seedlings, etc.
How they all get enough
to eat is hard to see.
Several other spiders
inhabit crannies in the
ground or rocks, including
a couple of species of
hunting spiders.

At least 5, possibly 6,
species of true land snails
are ~~commonly~~ found in
the humus layer at the
soil surface. The pupillid
is found in numbers on rocks
in Pisonia forest and mixed
forest. The tornatellid on
decaying twigs, etc. The

elongate yellowish one
in humus and on rocks.
The spirally striate one
in humus. The elongate
orange one, one individual
only, found under a stone.

Two species of operculate
littoral snails are
found on rocks, logs,
etc. above high tide.

At least two mites
and one millipede found
in humus.

The weather was
variable during the
visit, from clear and
almost cloudless to
completely cloudy
and rainy, sometimes
scattered showers,
wind from gentle to
stiff breeze, temperature
from 24.5° to 30° C.

Ecological processes seen
or inferred on Jemao Island.

A Basic, pre-colonization processes (but continuing after colonization).

1 Rise in sea-level after glacial period, possibly drowning all land life, permitting

~~the~~ reef surface to reach a high uniform level during post-glacial xerothermic period.

2 Possible emergence of land by bar-formation.

3 Fall of sea-level after post-glacial xerothermic period.

4 Climate becomes more humid after post-glacial xerothermic period.

5 Emergence of ~~land~~ ^{reef surface} resulting from fall in sea level.

(1-5) Completely inferred from knowledge gained elsewhere.

6 Building, destruction, and change of land surfaces by typhoons, storm waves, tsunamis, etc. (Inferred from evidence ⁱⁿ on this

and other atolls).

7 Cementation of "beach-rock" and "reef-rock".
(Process, time, situation unknown; process inferred only from existence of these rocks).

8 Addition of CaCO_3 from various marine sources as sand blown up from beaches, gravel, pebbles, cobbles, boulders thrown up by storm waves.
(Sand blowing seen, rest inferred from presence of material in places of deposition).

9 Accumulation of body of brackish or fresh ground water resulting from excess of rain accumulation over diffusion and mixing processes.
(Inferred from existence on other islands and from existence of moist soil here).

10 Diff salt accretion ~~to~~ from spray blown inland.

11 Diffusion inward of salt water from periphery and

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from below, aided by tidal mixing action. (inferred).

12 Washing outward and downward of salt by rain water.

13 Solution of small amounts of CaCO_3 by rain-water.
(inferred)

14 Removal of dissolved CaCO_3 by diffusion and tidal action.
(inferred)

15 Fluctuation of salinity with wet and dry seasons.
(inferred).

16 Desiccation by evaporation, accelerated by sun's heat and by wind.

B Colonization processes.
(mostly inferred)

17 Visits by sea-birds and shore birds.

18 Colonization by crabs from free-swimming pelagic larvae.

19 Boerhaavia, ^{possibly Lepturus} ~~Littoralia~~, and possibly Triumfetta brought by birds, established as

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pioneer plant species.

20 *Scaevola*, *Messerschmidia*, *Terminalia*, *Cordia*, *Ipomoea tuba*, *Pandanus*, and *Guettarda* seeds arrived in ocean drift, become established as pioneer species.

21 Spores of blue-green algae, possibly seeds of *Lepturus*, arrived by wind, become established as pioneer species.

22 Introduction, principally by wind, of insects / land snails, ~~at~~ land arthropods of various sorts.

23 Introduction, by wind, of soil bacteria and soil fungi.

24 Limitation of establishment of species by salinity.

25 Limitation of establishment of species by lack of proper habitats.

26 Introduction and establishment of non-pioneer species as more mesophytic habitats develop.

27 Introduction of parasitic and predaceous species, as well as saprophytic and saprophagous species after establishment of proper hosts, prey, or sources of organic matter.

28 Production of more mesophytic habitats by action of plants established.

C Successional processes.
(inferred from observation of stages in processes)
(all processes in B also properly belong here)

29 Destruction of vegetation by storms, etc. (inferred)

Successions observed:

30 Lepturus and Triumfetta on beach to Messerschmidia forest to mixed Messerschmidia and Pisonia, to Pisonia.

31 Lepturus and Triumfetta on beach to Scaevola scrub & Scaevola-Messerschmidia scrub

to low forest of same, possibly to mixed forest.

D ~~28~~ Normal continuing process.
(here belong also # 2, 6, 8,
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,
18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25,
26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, some
of these, as 8, 13, 16, 22, ~~24~~,
27 may be accelerated
as total process progresses,
some, as 6, 19, 20, 24, 25,
may be decelerated.)

32 Carbon cycle.

33 Nitrogen cycle.

34 Production of root, leaf, trunk, and twig organic matter by plants.

35 Breaking down of this organic matter into humus by bacteria, fungi, insects, crabs, isopoda, snails and other plant eating organisms, both those that eat living and dead plant tissues.

36 Production of animal organic matter by all animals (195)

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- 37 Predation of soil fauna by crabs, spiders, etc.
- 38 Predation of insects by lizards, spiders, crabs(?) etc.
- 39 Deposition of excrement by purely land-dwelling animals.
- 40 Addition of phosphatic and nitrogenous matter brought from sea by birds, in form of guano, feathers, bodies, etc.
- 41 Leaching out of these same materials by rain water (inferred).
- 42 Cementation of calcareous material by phosphatic cement in forests used as rookeries and roosting places by sea-birds.
- 43 Catching of sand blown from beaches, by vegetation resulting in formation of dune ridges around periphery of island. (p. 199)

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- 44 Slow undercutting of west peripheral ridge, apparently by storm waves.
- 45 Mixing of humus and other layers of soil by burrowing of crabs and digging of turtle.
- 46 Enrichment of soil by floating palms.
- E Processes following and dependent upon human activity. (Other processes, of course, continue).
- 47 Reduction of numbers of turtles by hunting. (Heresay)
- 48 Reduction of numbers of birds by disturbance and hunting, and egg-hunting. (inferred.)
- 49 Replacement of greater part of vegetation by coconut plantation.
- 50 Removal of phosphatic, nitrogenous and carbonaceous material in copra. (inferred but quite certain).
- 51 Death of introduction of weeds and cultivated plants, and establishment of some of them.

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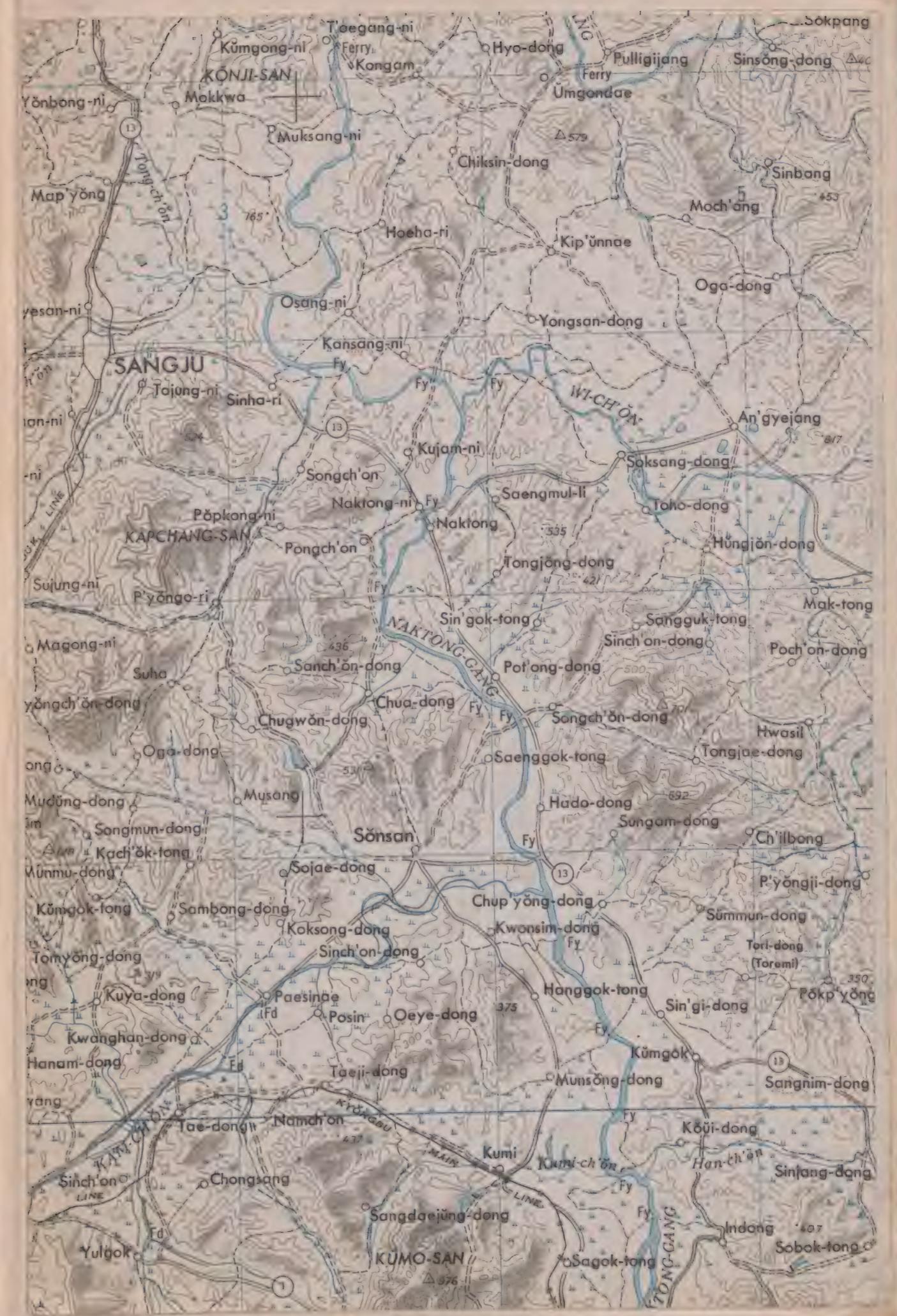
52 Death of large numbers of coconut trees, especially in seaward eastern half of island.

53 Occupation of some available habitat, by weeds - i.e. ~~Euphorbia~~ Carica, ^{Tacca} and Morinda in understory, grasses and other weeds in openings left by dead coconut trees.

54 Succession after death of numbers of coconuts, leaving open areas - ^{and elsewhere} *Pithecellobium*, *Mimosa*, *Hamelia*, *Acacia*, *Acacia*.

55 Establishment of dense understory of coconut seedlings in plantation after neglect of copra-making.

56 Clearing of this, probable burning of trash. (inferred)





O HV ASTRO STATION

1	- 2. 05	LOW HV = bench marks. figures are all below the astro station.
2	- 4. 46	
3	- 3. 26	
4(HV)	- 0. 57	
5	- 5. 92	On ship get elev. of Astro sta. above sea level
6	- 5. 44	also pick on photo
7	- 7. 12	for lot. of b.m.
8	- 5. 39	
9	- 6. 20	
10	- 6. 04	
11(HV)	- 0. 62	

